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Two-thirds vote issue flops

Council rejects a referendum for charter change

By LEE CAHILL
City Council Reporter

By a narrow vote, Virginia Beach City Council rejected a referendum on a charter change that would require a two-thirds vote of council on any new tax, fee, or to increase real estate, personal property or business property taxes.

The proposal for a November referendum on the charter change was sponsored by councilmembers Nancy K. Parker, Robert K. Dean and John D. Moss, but was lost by one vote.

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf, who is a political friend of Parker, Dean and Moss, voted against the resolution Tuesday.

In explaining her vote, Oberndorf said, "This is the one of the worst days of my life."

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She said she did not want to be checked by an situation.

Oberndorf added that while she does not always agree with the members voting against the resolution, she would not support the resolution either. She said her vote is no reflection on the integrity, honesty or commitment of the other three council members.

Oberndorf said when looking at the tax rate in Virginia Beach and comparing it with that of other cities, "We've managed to do most of the things people have asked us for."

Voting with the three members sponsoring the referendum were

councilmembers James W. Brazier Jr. and Paul J. Lanteigne (who with Moss had voted against the capital budget) and Paul J. Lanteigne.

Lanteigne said he supported putting the issue before the people but only wished Moss had felt the same way about putting the issue before the people on allowing city employees to run for council.

The most vehement indictment of the proposal came from Vickie Hendley, vice president of the Virginia Beach Education Association and a Centerville Elementary School teacher.

She said the "consequences of political posturing" can be seen in California, where proposition 13 had led to overcrowded schools and a degradation of the school system.

Hendley said at a first glance the two-thirds requirement appears to be more democratic and makes sense for documents used as by-laws and constitutions.

She said, however, that the two-thirds vote would actually lead to control by a minority.

Hendley urged the makers of the proposal to withdraw the resolution.

"Political posturing must end," she said. "Never allow the minority to control government."

Councilmember John A. Baum said Hendley said exactly what he felt.

The backers of the motion maintained that when the public is asked to pay higher taxes, the larger majority should be required. Moss said the founding fathers "never thought the majority rule would be special interest."

It is a question, he said, of whether the city should redistribute the income it has or add income. "The fundamental issue is that there is only so much income."

Brazier said council voting actually has been "all over the board. He added the majority of council gave the city manager instructions on the Capital Program but the minority influenced changes.

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Vickie Hendley,
VBEA vice president

"That's why I voted against the budget," she noted.

Brazier emphasized the resolution would just place the two-thirds vote question on the ballot.

Lou Pace, a council candidate, said he agreed with the proposal and that new taxes should require 100 percent of the vote.

Parker, who is the only one of the three running for re-election, said she was not opposed to the school system. She pointed out a two-thirds vote was needed to sell bonds and land.

"It should be a little bit tougher to raise taxes. Two-thirds is not a magical number," she stated.

Moss said the issue may not be a popular one, but that "government can't grow at the expense of our citizens."

Baum said that "the last thing we want is a tax increase, but we may be forced."

Councilmember Linwood Branch asked, "What is the problem we're trying to solve? We have a balanced budget. We've been very responsible."

Moss said he voted for the Capital Improvement Program, but not for the tax increase.

A deficit anticipated at the start of the budget process never materialized, he said.

The rain tax, the popular name for the tax imposed to meet the requirements of the storm drainage portion of the Water Quality Act that the city implemented, was not what was required.

The money, which had been available for the rain-tax to finance storm drainage projects, was moved to the other projects.



Photos by Victoria Edwards

Tom and Gail Barnes, pictured with the six ballerinas at the heart of "The Rose," produced this original ballet. The Barnes' operate Tattercoats Ltd. in Virginia Beach, a non-profit organization designed for the advancement of the arts among and for children.

Beach couple brings the arts to children, premieres new ballet

Tattercoats, Ltd. presents dance with Christian theme, message

By VICTORIA EDWARDS
Sun Editor

Tom and Gail Barnes don't believe Hampton Roads children are missing out on exposure to the arts.

Rather, they believe the arts are missing out on children.

With that idea in mind, the husband-and-wife team set about to bringing the arts to area youngsters in a unique, new way.

They founded Tattercoats, Ltd. in 1979 as a non-profit organization specifically designed for the advancement of the arts among and for children.

Tattercoats' roots are in Athens, Ga. The Barnes' formed it as a service to the teens in the Athens Head Start program, who presented a Christmas ballet reflecting Western values.

The Barnes' relocated to Virginia Beach six years ago.

Tattercoats operates out of a studio in the Princess Anne section of Virginia Beach. At any given time, they have 75 to 90 students, to whom they offer ballet classes.

Approximately once a year, the Barnes' offer an original, elaborate ballet production.

This year's production, "The Rose," debuted Tuesday to school groups at the Virginia Beach Center for the Arts. An evening performance is offered tonight at 8 p.m. Performances are also scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m.

But the Barnes' productions aren't simply "art for the sake of art," as Gail explained.

"I'm not interested in doing a production for the sake of art," she continued. "There must be some 'kingdom value' to it."



The Big Bad Wolf terrorizes a ballerina in the Tattercoats Ltd. production "The Rose."

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"The way we write our stories is how we glorify God," Tom stated. To this end, the Barnes' have written and produced "Once Upon a Christmas," an alternative to "The Nutcracker," which gives glory to Christ. They have also presented "The Heart of Christmas," a story of hope.

Their newest offering, "The Rose," is adapted from Hans Christian Andersen's tale, "The Loveliest

Rose Ever." The Barnes' adaptation is the story of a father and his six daughters. When crisis looms, he shuns them and the girls' hearts turn to stone.

The father does not know how to save his daughters until a servant girl discovers the daughters' salvation is Jesus.

"Anybody who knows God knows Jesus. Even if He dies, He still lives," Gail said.

"The message starts with the Bible. From the leaves of the Bible blooms the rose. We compare the idea of an ever-blooming rose to that of an ever-lasting life," Tom added.

With its inspirational message, "The Rose" also offers costumes that are a feast to the eyes. Approximately 35 dancers are featured in the production.

But more important than the graceful dancing, beautiful costumes and elaborate set is the



Elaborate costumes and pretty ballerinas make the Tattercoats Ltd. production of "The Rose" a feast for the eyes. The ballet, however, has a very simple message: Anyone can find their salvation through Jesus.



Photo by Sasha Tomey

Young Jason Wismeyer has proved he is tops at geography. He already won his school bee and could be headed for the state bee. He awaits the results of a written exam to qualify.

Commentary

Let youths help themselves

Louise Bias has known far too much tragedy in her lifetime. First her older son Len, a promising University of Maryland basketball player drafted by the Boston Celtics, died of a drug overdose. Four years later her other son, Jay, was murdered on the mean streets of our nation's capitol.

Bias stood on one son's grave when she buried her second child. It was a horror she will never forget.

But instead of wallowing in pity, Bias took all her pent up emotions and put them to good use. She has turned her personal losses into a mission to help others.

Bias now tours the country addressing the issues of drugs, alcohol, violence, family, hope and love. Often, youths at risk of falling prey to the vices she fights are her primary audience.

Last week Bias brought her message to almost 200 at-risk youths from Virginia Beach, Portsmouth, Norfolk, Chesapeake and the Peninsula. Her address was sponsored by COSAP (Committee on Substance Abuse Prevention), a network of prevention specialists from throughout Hampton Roads.

Although the teenagers attending the two-day Youth Leadership '94 Conference were at-risk young people, they were recognized as leaders among their peer groups. Most of the young people paid rapt attention to Bias' fiery message.

They will now take what they learned from her back to their schools and neighborhoods. This is a fresh approach to fighting the societal issues youths face today.

In planning the conference, COSAP recognized that young people don't like to be told what their problems are. Organizers asked the youths what issues concern them. The teenagers then had input as to what workshops and speakers they wanted to have.

The result was 200 at-risk youth being captivated by the words Bias spoke. In their workshops, they were active participants.

COSAP should be applauded for its inventive approach to helping today's youths solve their problems themselves.

Like Bias, we should be congratulated for opening her heart full of pain and sharing her raw emotions with the teenagers.

More community agencies need to listen to their young people. After all, these same youths could be the leaders, or losers, of tomorrow. — V.L.E.

Renegade reporter tells all

I began to think of the Olympics as a form of abuse when I realized I was getting more thrill out of watching a joyce and Bieber ad than hearing a yet another reporter ask, "What is going to be going through your mind..."

Hey Ms. Reporter, strap on a pair of skis, hurdle down a hill that's high enough to give you a nose bleed and tell us what you think!

Even the huge team couldn't avoid "What are you going to be thinking?"

That all important, going to be thinking?"

Wouldn't you have enjoyed seeing a group of reporters, maybe some local newspapers, doing a lung run? Just imagine Carolyn Hoffman, Cynthia Lima and Anna Keffler jumping down those icy curves.

Once we peeled their eyelashes off their foreheads, they could then tell us what they were thinking when their entire lives flashed before them and they thought they were going to meet their maker.

Just when I thought the Olympic coverage couldn't get any worse, the reporters began reporting on each other. Columnists began reporting on the absurd amount of attention being paid to a couple of figure skaters. Do you wonder how it happens that reporters have begun talking about each other?

I am about to tell you.

One afternoon my husband a section of newspaper under my nose.

"Call that number," he directed. "They're looking for reporters."

"But I'm not a reporter," I said. "I write greeting cards."

"Reporter. Greeting card writer. Same thing," he said.

I made the call. A few days later I turned in my first story. Boom! I was reporting.

Is this a hoot? I don't know anything about the job. I did work in

market research for a while, so I have learned that with a little encouragement most people will tell you what you want to know. Many of them will tell you more than you want to know.

I didn't realize I was a renegade until my editor at that time sent me out on a story that was being covered by the daily papers, the local television stations and a few community publications.

The reporters huddled in a pack. They zoned in on a spokesman and shot-gunned questions so fast it gave me a headache. Most of them asked the same questions of the same people we'd seen on the news for a week.

It was a somber moment when I realized that the profession I'd been in awe of didn't seem so glamorous anymore. I am not sure what I expected, but it wasn't what I saw.

The reporters were gracious enough to grab to my arm and pull me along with them.

When it was my turn to ask a question, I asked the first one that popped into my head. The answer I got filled an entire column. My editor was derisorily happy. I think it represents my best work.

Had you been there, you would have seen me open my mouth. Then you could have watched the rest of the flock take three steps back. One of them even said, "What is the (expurgated) kind of question is that?"

If you think it's a shame that people think the media have some real power, you should hear how some members of the profession feel about themselves. I once wrote about a sticky political situation.

"You're really stung them!" my editor exclaimed. "You'll have them eating out of the palm of your hand."

"Great," I said. "You mean I have to cook for them too?"

"I'm serious," he continued. "Don't you feel a sense of power?"

"No," I said. "Right now I'm looking at three loads of laundry and a completely trashed kitchen. I am also supposed to provide the snacks for my daughter's Brownie troop."

"You will never be a real reporter," he snapped.

Whenever I hear "How did you feel?" and "What will you be thinking?", I hope he is right.

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Voting remains your civic duty

A number of years ago, the state of Nevada gave the voters a no preference option on their state voting ballot. Voters could select "none of the above" in a field of candidates.

The public seemed so dissatisfied with some of the contests that "none of the above" received enough votes to place either first or second in numerous primary races for state and congressional offices.

Citizens were expressing their concerns about candidates, and in some way the state allowed them to validate their opinions while keeping them as voters.

Typically, voters just stay home, especially for local contests. Only 10 to 20 percent of the persons of voting age turn out for local elections. Many of the voting age populous aren't

even registered.

Virginia Beach compares to the rest of the country with two-thirds of its eligible residents staying home for city council races many times.

Yet, it would appear that local elections have a profound effect on the daily lives of constituents. Local candidates will make decisions about the quality of life.

The future direction of our public schools, economic development, methods of taxation, location of recreation opportunities and many other issues of personal importance are settled at the local level by council members.

Whether its dissatisfaction with candidates, lack of interest or knowledge about voting or inability to find the time to register, any one of these reasons may keep a person from going to the polls.

Whatever the reason, it is still true that council elections impact everything that you do. There are plenty of opportunities in the city to register to vote.

I encourage citizens to take advantage of them.

City council and school board elections will be held May 3.

The deadline for voter registration is Monday, April 4. There are sites



The Mayor's Report

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Catholic Charities holding annual meeting and mass

Catholic Charities of Hampton Roads, founded in 1932 and formerly the Norfolk Bureau of Catholic Charities and Catholic Family and Children's Service and with offices in Williamsburg, Newport News, Norfolk, Chesapeake and Virginia Beach, will hold its 61st Annual Meeting Sunday at the Naval Amphibious Base in Norfolk.

The meeting will begin with a 9 a.m. mass, celebrated by the Rev. Walter F. Sullivan, bishop of the Diocese of Richmond, at the base's Little Creek Chapel. It will continue with brunch at 10:30 a.m. in the Officers Club.

During brunch, the newly-elected officers of the board of directors will be recognized: Patricia A. Stolle, president; Edgar J. Gerloff, III, vice president; Michael A. Robusto, secretary; and Dennis A. Wilson, treasurer.

Other newly-elected board members will also be recognized: Clifford Braun, Ysaac J. Chabo, George Melnyk, George Stenke, Dr. Vincent Cornetta, Jacqueline P. Napolitano, Belen F. Cruz.

Christopher McKay, John Orange, Rev. Leo Manalo, Joseph F. Costello, William M. Walsh, Jr., Marguerite Synon Felt, and Philip J. Trapani.

Virginia Beach Meyera E. Oberndorf will deliver the keynote address.

Catholic Charities of Hampton Roads, a Unit Way agency, serves families under stress and strengthens family life in the community by offering marital, individual and parent/child counseling in addition to group, family, and individual therapy.

A state-licensed child placing agency, it offers foster care services for children and free pregnancy counseling to any woman in need. Additional support for the agency comes through fees for services (determined according to one's ability to pay), the Catholic Diocese of Richmond and gifts.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$12 each and can be obtained by calling the main office at 4855 Princess Anne Road in Virginia Beach at 467-7707 from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Virginia Beach girl may be America's Favorite Teen

Crystal Potter of Virginia Beach, daughter of Tom and Cindi Potter, is a finalist for the title of America's Favorite Teenager 1994-95.

The finals will be held July 31 in Greensboro, N.C.

Potter is 13 years old and in the seventh grade at Princess Anne Middle School.

She qualified for the competition based on a written application she and her parents submitted to the pageant office. Scoring at the pageant is not based on physical beauty, but rather on poise, a personal interview with the judges, school grades, a written application and personality. There is no swimsuit competition.

Potter has the choice of doing an essay on the topic "What Is Special About My Hometown," a performing talent presentation, or, if she chooses, she can do both.

She is planning to sing a song for talent only.

A girl does not need to win the overall pageant title to win prizes, titles and awards.

More than 12 titles, including outstanding student awards for each grade level, will be presented to girls at the statewide competition. Potter will be presented with a trophy at the pageant, recognizing her as a finalist.

All girls who participate will receive gifts at the pageant, including a modeling scholarship to John Robert Powers International. The top five finalists become eligible to travel to Orlando, Fla. for a national competition.

One of the awards to be presented is the Good Neighbor Award.

For her volunteer work, Potter plans to help in the community



Crystal Potter

library, churches and schools. Since she would not be paid for this work, it would qualify for the Good Neighbor Award. Also, one of the contestants will receive the Johnson and Wales Career Scholarship, which provides a \$20,000 college scholarship to that deserving young woman.

The overall winner of the pageant will receive her official sash, tiara, trophy, flowers, fully paid sponsorship to the national finals to compete for the title of America's Favorite Teenager, scheduled to be held in December, a travel allowance to nationals, a U.S. Savings Bond and more.

If Potter is successful in capturing the state title, she hopes to win the 1994-95 national title. If she is named one of the four princesses in the state competition, she will be eligible to travel to Florida for the America's Favorite Princess Pageant.

Potter has been encouraged and supported in her efforts toward the state title by her sponsors, Stirlings Auto Service, Ocean Muffler, Interstate Batteries, Japanese Auto Masters and many family members.

In her spare time, Potter enjoys cheerleading and piano lessons.

Operation Drumbeat discussed

Operation Drumbeat, the war that was waged in the Atlantic from the St. Lawrence River south to Cape Hatteras by German U-boats early in World War II, was little known by those away from the Atlantic Coast.

During one two-week period, 150,000 tons were sunk and 500 merchant seamen lost their lives.

The story of Operation Drumbeat is told in a recently published book, "The Approaching Storm," by Al Chevning.

He will relate stories of this period in history at a program sponsored by the Life-Saving Museum at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 20 at the Association of Research and Enlightenment Library.

Those attending will have an opportunity to speak with the author at a reception following the program. Copies of the book will be available for sale.

Call the Life-Saving Museum at 422-1587 for further information.

Wesleyan Flea Market planned

The 25th annual Women of Wesleyan Flea Market will be held in Virginia Wesleyan College's Cunningham Gymnasium from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday, March 12.

Admission is \$1 per adult; children are free.

There will be the usual flea market offerings of children's clothing, toys, collectibles, antiques, silver and porcelain. One popular specialty item will be homemade chocolate Easter eggs. The Women of Wesleyan will also be selling baked goods and white elephants.

There will be a snack bar for those who would like lunches or snacks.

Proceeds from the space rentals and admission fees will be used for scholarships for Virginia Wesleyan students. The Women of Wesleyan, a volunteer support organization of Virginia Wesleyan College, has raised more than \$123,500.

The funds have been used for library books, picnic tables, a piano, a greenhouse, new furniture for student lounges, scientific equipment and scholarships.

For further information about the flea market, call the college at 455-3242.

Retired Officers Wives Society plans show

The Retired Officers Wives Society of Tideewater will hold their March luncheon and fashion show Thursday at the Holiday Inn Executive Center on Greenwich Road.

Social hour is at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at 12:15 p.m. The cost is \$12 per person.

Fashions will be provided by Hobby's. Mail checks to Joyce Simmons. Checks must be received by Monday. Your check is your reservation.

The Psaltery gives concert

The Psaltery, an acoustic folk duo that plays French-Canadian and Cajun music, will perform at Virginia Wesleyan College Tuesday. The performance will be held in the Hohneimer Theater at 8 p.m.

Admission is free, but reservations should be made by calling 455-3200.

Lillian Labbe and Don Hinkley, members of The Psaltery, are

have entertained audiences around the world with their performances. Along with the French-Canadian and Cajun music, their repertoire also includes English, jazz, country, bluegrass and classical guitar pieces.

Audiences also enjoy their hilarious insights and explanations of lyrics offered during their performances.

Master Tree Steward training classes are planned for March

Do you want to learn more about trees, which to plant, how to plant, prune, fertilize and are willing to volunteer to help others learn about trees?

Virginia Beach Cooperative Extension will be conducting a 21-hour Master Tree Steward course during March.

Participants will provide 24 hours of volunteer time for the urban forests program after training.

Classes meet from 9 a.m. - noon beginning Tuesday. Classes will also meet March 10, 15, 17, 21, 23 and 29.

There is a \$15 fee for the course. For additional information, contact Randy Jackson at 427-4769.

Indulge for a good cause

Do you want to eat lots and lots of delicious ice cream without feeling guilty? Here's your chance. Pets Warehouse and The National Kidney Foundation of Virginia will soon present Saturday Sundae - Hampton Roads' Largest Ice Cream Sundae.

The gigantic sundae, featuring Uncle Harry's Ice Cream, will be built in a hole near Lynnhaven Mall's center court Saturday, March 19 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

For just \$3 you can enjoy all of the ice cream and toppings you can eat and you'll feel good about it, because all of the proceeds will benefit the Kidney Foundation.

For more information, contact the Kidney Foundation's local office at 466-0783 or stop by the event.

White elephant, bake sale slated

A white elephant and bake sale will be held at First Colonial Inn Thursday from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. All proceeds will go to benefit the Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad.

First Colonial Inn is a 185-unit retirement community for active seniors located at 845 First Colonial Rd. in Virginia Beach.

For more information, call 428-2884.

American Business Women will meet

The Hallmark Chapter, American Business Women's Association, will hold a dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Ramada Inn-Newtown Road in Norfolk.

Call Vickie Ellington at 454-4355 to make a reservation.

Turkey shoots set

Kempsville Ruritan Club will hold a turkey shoot fund raiser at the corner of Princess Anne Road and Lynnhaven Parkway, Virginia Beach.

The shoot will be held March 19, 20, 26 and 27 and April 9 and 10 from 1 to 5 p.m. each day.

Cost is \$2 per shoot or three for \$5.

The winner of each round of competition will receive a \$12.50 food certificate.

Free eye checks

Representatives for Tidewater Eye Surgeon and Associates will hold free eye screening for cataracts and glaucoma Tuesday, March 29 from 1 - 3 p.m. at First Colonial Inn.

First Colonial Inn is a 185-unit retirement community for active seniors located at 845 First Colonial Rd. in Virginia Beach.

For more information, call 428-2884.

You won't be bored if you plan a Myrtle Beach trip; activities abound

The Myrtle Beach Area Convention Bureau hosted a group of tour operators and travel writers last week on a familiarization tour.

The highlight of my trip was walking along the beach and wading, "sans coat."

Myrtle Beach is quickly becoming "Branson-by-the-Sea" with its Alabama Theatre, the Carolina Opry and its two related theatres, the Myrtle Beach Opry and the soon-to-arrive Gatlin Brothers Theatre.

The Gatlin Brothers Theatre will open in July in the Waccamaw Harbour area (known for its famous pottery and outlet shopping) and will feature the Gatlin Brothers in residence for six months a year, with special Christmas shows.

"The whole purpose for us getting off the road," said Steve Gatlin, "was to try to find an outlet, a way Larry, Rudy and I could express ourselves and do something individually and creatively that we had always wanted to do."

The day I visited in Myrtle Beach, the brothers were looking for residences and talking about setting down roots. An ice show theatre is also being built very close to the Gatlin Brothers Theatre.

Next door to the Carolina Opry is the Dixie Stampede. It has a very similar show to the one in Pigeon Forge. It would be better if music were added to their show and the show was changed in format from time to time.

I have seen the same basic show several times in four years of touring, complete to the tossing of toilet seats for horses and pig and chicken races. They feature an eat-with-your-fingers dinner, Tasty!

Myrtle Beach, whose main street is known as the Grand Strand, has a population of 35,000 and a small town, welcoming personality. Sometimes the population swells to 350,000 when both golfers and music lovers are in town.

Myrtle Beach is also noted for its golf packages and courses. Dad can play golf, Mom can see the shows and the kids have several amusement parks along the Strand.

Barefoot Landing is the name of one of the shopping and entertainment centers. The Alabama and Carolina Opry theatres are nearby, as is a paddlewheel boat that cruises the Intra-coastal Waterway. It has 100 shops and 12 restaurants.

Two restaurants in Myrtle Beach that impressed me were the Rice Planters and the Crab House. Try them for the atmosphere, as well as the excellent food.

We also visited Brookgreen Gardens at Murrells Inlet, just south of Myrtle Beach. It is a garden museum of American sculpting featuring the works of Anna Hyatt Huntington, noted for some of her Hampton Roads works.

The land was originally four rice plantations and is a place where art and nature meet. In fact, you may see an alligator sunning itself on a sunny bank.

I know of several motorcoach tours forming to visit the area, both for the shows now and the Christmas specials, so give me a call at the number listed below and we will put you in touch.

Now for the question of the week. Be sure to send yours in to us.

Question: I am retired and would like to be a group leader. Can you give me any guidance?

Answer: Some group leaders have just fallen into the position.

However, I have recently received several requests for this. Group leaders, working with a church or club, can arrange a tour to meet their interests and needs. They will select the time and destination and included features.

They do have price control (according to what is included) and do receive a free trip. Call me at the number below, and I will tell you about a one-day workshop to teach needed skills.

If you have an Around the Travel World question, write the columnist at newspaper, c/o Travel Question, P.O. Box 1327, Chesapeake, VA 23327.

Shepard can also answer all your tour-related questions to the vacations described in this column. Call 423-8470 for more information.

Youth honored for bravery in saving family's lives

By JACKIE MATTHEWS

School Correspondent

An assembly was held at Malibu Elementary School in honor of a fourth-grade student, Tommy Clendenen.

Early Christmas morning, Clendenen was awakened by heat from his burning bed. "When I woke there was fire just inches from my leg; as I looked I saw flames almost to my bedroom ceiling," he said.

Clendenen quickly got his younger brother and hurried to wake his mother and father, who were sleeping in a downstairs bedroom.

They rushed upstairs to check the extent of the fire.

Pam, Tommy's mother, got the fire extinguisher, while Tommy called 911. The family realized the danger of the blaze and went immediately outside to wait for the fire trucks.

The Thalas Fire Department responded immediately. However, the fire was so intense that the entire second floor of the Clendenen's home was lost.

The firemen said the fire had

begun from a short circuit in an extension cord located under Clendenen's bed.

For several weeks the family stayed at the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel, where Pam is employed. The second floor is still under repair. The family has recently returned to their home.

Clendenen knew just what to do because two weeks earlier all the fourth graders at Malibu took a fire safety course.

"I feel differently about taking safety classes at school now. I knew fire safety was important. As I took the course I never thought I would ever need the stuff I was learning. It really happened to me and what I learned helped to save my family," Clendenen said.

The assembly was a surprise to Clendenen. Debbie Crisher, the fire safety instructor and the firemen from the Thalas Fire Station were all present to give Clendenen a wooden plaque for his bravery.

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High school, elementary students share unique buddy program

By SASHA TOMEY

Sun Correspondent

Bill Hodgson twisted in the too-big desk.

If he slumped forward and strained a little, his feet touched the floor, but then he couldn't move his arms or see what was happening.

If he sat up straight, his feet hovered several inches above the floor.

This was high school, and for Billy and his fellow Creeds' Elementary School classmates, sitting in over-sized desks was just part of the field trip adventure at Green Run High School.

Elizabeth Poellnitz, a second-grade teacher at Creeds Elementary School, is credited with coming up with the idea of a student buddy program. By enlisting the help of a high school class, the second grade students are treated to a view beyond grade school.

For the high school students in Marion Broglie's history and social studies classes, the program has given students a view of rural life and a chance to encourage up and coming students to stay in school, study hard and take part in extracurricular activities.

The high school students made sure their elementary school visitors felt welcome. They supplied the second-grade class with T-shirts bearing the Green Run High School Sullivans logo.

The bulletin board in the lobby was covered with pictures of previous activities between the two classes, and another bulletin board in a classroom displayed the cards that the second-graders had crafted for their friends in high school.

"Did you see the marquee?" asked Creeds Elementary School Principal Alice Kempfmeuler. "I tell you, this morning those kids put on their T-shirts and were walking through the halls showing everybody."

Dr. Don Stowers, principal of Green Run, welcomed the children. The Madrigals, under the direction of Ruby Allen, sang. Ron Collins directed the high school band.

"The band scared me," declared Ashley Roberts.

Roberts, who stated she was sure she was going to learn something, did not seem too frightened. She admitted seeing a band close up was different from watching one on television.

She demonstrated her reaction by bouncing back in her seat.

"I think it's great for our kids because they're in this urban area. They don't know what it's like to live in the country."

Dr. Don Stowers,
Green Run principal

ing experience.

A trip through the gym brought out the "ah's" in the diminutive students.

"Those boys are big," one stated as he observed some teens playing basketball. "They are really, really big."

Science teacher Gregory McDougal demonstrated an effective way to measure the weight of air.

"You can't measure air if you can't see it," a student argued.

McDougal, armed with balloons and a room full of volunteers, demonstrated that indeed air can be weighed.

The children were treated to a dramatic presentation by members of the REACH Club, an anti-drug organization. Lunch was catered by Hardee's.

High school students visit their Creeds Elementary School pals once each month. Creeds students send cards, photographs and letters to their high school buddies. It is a program that teachers and school administrators hope will continue.

Broglie said community involvement is just as important a part of a student's education as classroom.

Recently members of his world history class participated in the Third Annual Planning Down Diabetes Bowl-A-Thon, a charity event sponsored by a local chapter of the American Diabetes

Association.

Broglie said he hopes that by participating in these projects, students will recognize a responsibility for younger students, or responsibility to help their neighbors.

He was modest about his accom-

plishments, brushing aside compliments about his ability to get students away from the television and involved.

"I hope that this program will continue," he said. "This is what teaching is all about."

"I don't know which is the best part," Hodgson declared finally. He twisted and turned again in the too-big desk. His sponsor handed him some brightly wrapped presents.

"Oh, I like this!" he exclaimed. "This is fun!"



Photos by SASHA TOMEY

Youngsters and teenagers alike learn you can measure the weight of air in Gregory McDougal's chemistry class. Creeds Elementary School second graders visited Green Run High School through a unique buddy program.

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SPRING HOME & GARDEN

Home could be stressed out by the weather

If you think you're stressed out by the weather, you should take a good look at your house right away.

The stress of below-zero temperatures, ice and falling limbs may have caused problems both inside and out.

"Now is the time to make a conscientious inspection of the house," said Kathy Parrot, Virginia Cooperative Extension housing specialist.

After the ice, good tree care is critical

The first decision you need to make when trees are damaged by storms is whether to remove the trees or remedy the damage.

If the tree has extensive damage, it is best to remove it now. It is aesthetically worthless and it will rot and fall in a few years — perhaps damaging property in the process, said Jay Stipes, a Virginia Cooperative Extension plant pathologist and landscape tree specialist.

Trees damaged the most by this winter's ice storms are the elms, Bradford pears, maples, white pines, hemlocks and birches. The oaks seemed the most resistant.

"If a tree does not have extensive damage and can be saved, call an expert," Stipes said.

While some tree experts are primary care physicians, others are un-

ist.

Outside inspections should include gutters, downspouts, roof shingles and foundation, Parrot said.

"Don't wait until spring rains to find out your gutters or downspouts are damaged," she said. "Repair them now so water will be channeled off the roof and away from the house."

Parrot said shingles can be inspected using a pair of binoculars rather than by climbing.

Roofs and ladders can be slippery this time of year, she said.

"While you're outside, check trees and foundation plants. Damaged trees may have limbs ready to fall on the house. And droopy plants may prevent air circulation around the foundation of the house which can cause mildew problems," said Parrot.

Inside the house, check for dampness or discoloration on walls or ceiling and watch for a loss of water pressure. These may be indications of leaky pipes.

Leaky pipes are not always apparent right away, she said. And remember, sometimes, evidence of a leak is not directly over or under the leak itself.

In addition, check windows for leaks caused by expansion and contraction from cold weather and ice buildup, she said.

As the ground thaws, interior water damage may be a problem. Make sure the sump pump is working and check for standing water in crawl spaces.

Structural damage may show up as cracks in cement block walls in the basement.

A few cracks are not unusual, but if the cracks are larger or more numerous, you may have some structural damage.

Never top trees. It allows entry of disease organisms.

If you have a lot of branches to dispose of, try having them chipped and use them as mulch.

Miss Virginia Teen All American Pageant accepting applications

Applications are now being accepted for the 1994 Miss Virginia Teen All American® Pageant to be held Saturday, July 2 at the Richmond Marriott.

The event is the Official Preliminary to Miss Teen All American®, now in its 16th year staged annually under the Florida sun.

All judging is on the basis of poise, personal interview and beauty of face and figure.

Applicants who must be age 13 through 19 as of Aug. 1, never married and a legal resident of the United States.

To apply, send a recent photo along with your name, address, phone number and date of birth by fax or mail to: Dept. A - Miss Virginia Teen All American®, 603 Schrader Ave., Wheeling, W.Va. 26003-9619.

Among her prizes, Miss Virginia Teen All American® will receive an expense paid trip to Florida, where she will compete in the 16th Annual Miss Teen All American Pageant.

She will compete for a prize package that includes a personal appearance contract, cash, jewelry, luggage and a fur.

Respite caregivers are sought

Virginia Beach Comprehensive Mental Health Services will sponsor a training course for individuals interested in becoming caregivers in respite care for the elderly program.

To qualify for the training, you must be a resident of Virginia Beach and 18 years of age or older.

Classes will be held Wednesdays and Fridays, May 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27 and June 1 from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Beacon Building



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In addition, the judging panel in Florida will include representatives from the TV/film industry and modeling agency personnel.

Miss Virginia Teen All American will also be including a host of prizes, including luggage.

Application deadline is Friday, March 18.

Beware of credit schemes

If you have recently filed bankruptcy or have poor credit, a new credit identity may sound like just the help you need.

For a fee, a company will tell you how to establish this new identity.

The problem is, the plan is illegal. If you use it, you could face fines and even prison.

If you pay the fee and sign up for the service, you may be directed to apply for an Employer Identification Number (EIN) from the IRS. After you receive your EIN, you are advised to use it in place of your social security number when applying for credit.

You are also advised to use a new mailing address and to include some credit references. If

you do these things, you could be charged with several federal offenses.

It is a federal crime to make false statements on a loan or credit application, to misrepresent your social security number, or to obtain an EIN under false pretenses.

Further, you could be charged with mail or wire fraud if you use the mail or the telephone to apply for credit and provide false information.

If you see an advertisement or receive a letter from a company offering this service, contact the Virginia Beach Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, Consumer Affairs Division, at 426-5840.

Virginia Beach Boys/Girls Club now holding summer sign-ups

The Virginia Beach Boys and Girls Club is holding registration for summer programs.

Membership to the Boys and Girls Club is \$35 per year and is open to any boy or girl between the ages of 6 and 17.

Normal operating hours during the summer are 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., with extended care being offered from 6:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Pre-school storytime planned

Two pre-school storytime series will be held Wednesdays beginning March 30 and continuing through April 27 for children ages 3 to 5 years old in the Windsor Woods Area Library, 3612 South Plaza Trail, at 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

These programs will begin a lifelong enjoyment of books and reading for participants.

Children will widen their horizons by hearing stories and seeing picture book art. Registration is required and begins March 16.

Both series are limited to 25 people. Call 340-1043 to register.

North Carolina artist Sawyer opening new Beach exhibit

"Margie Sawyer: Recent Works" open Thursday at The Commons Gallery, Church of the Ascension, 4833 Princess Anne Rd., Virginia Beach, and continues through March 31. The exhibit is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

A North Carolina artist, Sawyer presents new works on canvas in her unique abstract expressionist, mixed media collection.

She is an award-winning member of the Tidewater Artists Association and has exhibited often in the Hampton Roads area.



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Custom cabinetry puts every inch of your kitchen to work

Choosing the right cabinet style for the kitchen can be difficult enough given today's variety of designs, but now Maria Weingard, an award-winning cabinet designer, comes along with the message that structural integrity and solutions to all your storage needs should be equally high priorities.

"Of course, the style is important," says Weingard. "After all, it sets the theme for the kitchen and sometimes adjoining rooms as well. However, when you compare it with other things to look for in terms of long-range satisfaction and value, it sometimes loses its place at the top of the list."

"There's no other piece of furniture that gets used — and sometimes abused — as much as kitchen cabinets," Weingard warns.

"Drawers and shelves are often overloaded. Then there are food and detergent spills, grease stains, scratches, a child running into a cabinet with a tricycle. So durable construction and finishes become high priorities. Proper fit of drawers and doors is also important, and storage should be planned to suit individual needs."

"There are many additional considerations, such as the height of cabinets in relation to the measurements of the person using them, and the way the family lives and entertains. It's important to remember that custom cabinetry can be adapted endlessly to suit your needs. Stock cabinetry cannot," said Weingard.

Take heart if all this sounds daunting. Weingard says that

once you visit kitchen showrooms, you'll become a quick study, and good cabinet personnel are generous with advice and product demonstrations. They are also well armed with idea-filled catalogs showing great kitchens from around the country.

Custom cabinetry eases recycling chores with compartmented trash containers and drawers for newspaper bundling and composting. All roll back into the cabinets so the messy items are out of sight.

"Different styles are timeless," Weingard said. "You can choose a traditional, transitional or contemporary design with confidence. Every design will 'wear well,' meaning that you won't tire of it and it responds well to decorative transitions."

Once you've chosen the style, you should "try on" the cabinets in the dealer's showroom. Open and close drawers and doors, check out construction details, study storage ideas and run your hands over exterior and interior finishes.

Panned doors should be assembled with mortise-and-tenon

or mitered or doweled construction for maximum strength. Door and drawer fronts should fit precisely, doors shouldn't stick or bind, and rolling shelves should be adjustable and precisely balanced to operate effortlessly. And remember that only meticulous hand-finishing will produce the silky finishes you want inside and out.

Ask the dealer questions galore. For example, find out how many pounds per square foot shelves can hold, and does the cabinet manufacturer offer a lifetime warranty?

When you go with true custom cabinetry, there is no limit to the unique storage features that will keep clutter under wraps, ease your life and put every inch your kitchen to work.

For example, custom cabinetry eases recycling chores with compartmented trash containers and drawers for newspaper bundling and composting. All roll back into the cabinets, so the messy items are out of sight.

All sorts of food lockers and pantries are also standard offerings, and the tilt-out sink panels put kitchen clean-up materials to work where they're most needed. A bread drawer closes automatically, the heirloom silver is safe in a drawer lined with cloth, special fittings keep household cleaners and chemicals safe from children and built-in TV sets open and rotate to best viewing angle.

Of course, drawers and cabinets can be outfitted to hold anything, from cutlery and spices to baking paraphernalia and wine.

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Insectary plants ensure an adequate supply of nutrients to beneficial insects

Attracting and maintaining a population of beneficial insects are important to managing insect pests in your garden with a minimum of pesticide sprays.

Tiny parasitoid wasps are aggressive beyond their size when it comes to pursuing aphids and caterpillars. Lacewing larvae and ladybug larvae and adults make inroads on aphid populations.

Ground beetles prey on a variety of ground-dwelling pests.

These various beneficial insects consume large numbers of pest insects, but their diets are not limited to other insects. In fact, many of the beneficial species have periods in their life cycles when they survive only on nectar and pollen.

Therefore, planting a variety of insectary plants will ensure an adequate supply of nutrients to keep beneficial insects going strong.

Insectary plants also include those plants that provide shelter for beneficial insects, another critical requirement.

At one time, hedge rows that separated one field or garden from the next provided an ample supply of insectary plants to feed and shelter a variety of beneficial insects.

The wide variety of plants in a hedge row, including small trees and

shrubs as well as perennial and annual weeds, typically leaf out and bloom earlier than most crop plants, providing beneficial insects with an early food supply.

Most gardens today are too small for a hedge row. An alternative is to plant a border of dwarf florist and flowering trees mixed with flowering shrubs and perennials.

Such a border could be a landscape feature and screen the vegetable garden from view. At the same time, it would provide many of the benefits of the traditional hedge row.

Plan an insectary border for successive bloom from early spring through fall, providing nectar throughout the season. This will not

only satisfy the needs of many beneficial insects, but also provide color in the garden.

Avoid vigorous chemical control of pests found in the insectary border; after all, you don't want to kill beneficial insects.

Also, any pests in the border may become hosts for beneficial insects should prey levels be low in the garden you are trying to protect.

Including plants of different heights can be very important. Ground beetles require the cover provided by low-growing plants. Lacewings lay their eggs in shady, protected areas, so providing such places near crop plants

for the tiny flowers required by parasitoid wasps. Various clovers, yarrow, and rue also attract parasitoid and predatory insects.

Low-growing plants, such as thyme, rosemary, or mint, provide shelter for ground beetles and other beneficial insects.

Composite flowers (daisy and chamomile) and mints (spearmint, peppermint, or catnip) will attract predatory wasps, hover flies and robber flies.

The wasps will catch caterpillars and grubs to feed their young, while the predatory and parasitoid flies attack many kinds of insects, including leafhoppers and caterpillars.

Of course, you also may plant species that are not noted for harboring beneficial insects. There is no rule that says an insectary border must be limited to insectary plants.

For more information, contact the Chesapeake Master Gardener Hotline at 547-6348. Hotline hours are 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you are a person with a disability and require any auxiliary aids, services or other accommodations for any Chesapeake Extension event, discuss your accommodation needs with the Extension staff at 547-6348 at least one week prior to the event.

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VIRGINIA: IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT CLERKS OFFICE
IN RE: TATHATHA RENEE DUNTON, Plaintiff v.
RONALD EDWARD DUNTON, Defendant

CASE NO. CH94-127

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is for the said plaintiff to obtain a divorce a vinculo matrimonii from the said defendant, upon the grounds of having lived separate and apart, without any cohabitation and without interruption, for more than one year.

It is ORDERED that RONALD EDWARD DUNTON appear and protect his interest, on or before April 4th, 1994, which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication.

And it is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in The Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this court.

Date: February 9, 1994

J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK

By Rhonda V. Tynes, Deputy Clerk

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43-11VBS

Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT CLERKS OFFICE
IN RE: LELAND R. BARNETT, Plaintiff(s) v.
BARBARA CHRISTINE LEWIS (formerly BARBARA CHRISTINE

BARNETT), Defendant(s)

CH94-69

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is (for) Said plaintiff to obtain a divorce, a vinculo matrimonii, from the defendant upon the grounds of living separate and apart continuously, uninterrupted and without cohabitation, for a period of more than one year.

It is ORDERED that Barbara Christine Lewis (formerly Barbara Christine Barnett) appear and protect (her) interest, on or before April 4, 1994, which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication.

And it is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in The Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this court.

February 11, 1994

J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK

By Linda D. Jones, Deputy Clerk

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43-18VBS

Public Notice

Virginia:

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, March 22, 1994 at 6:00 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT: KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH

1.

An Ordinance upon Application of Rollen & Jackie Ross for a Con-

ditional Use Permit for an indoor recreational facility (family game room) on the northeast side of Princess Anne Road, 1500 feet more or less west of Lord Dunmore Drive. Said parcel is located at 5350 Providence Road and contains 5.245 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

2.

An Ordinance upon Application of Kenneth C. Greene for a Conditional Use Permit for truck rentals on the north side of Princess Anne Road at the intersection with Parliament Drive. Said parcel is located at 5704 Princess Anne Road and contains 37,039 square feet. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

3.

An Ordinance upon Application of Georgia-Pacific Corporation for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of the following streets:

Mac Street: Beginning at the southern boundary of Rose Drive and running in a southerly direction a distance of 418.95 along the eastern property line and a distance of 375.82 feet along the western property line to the northern boundary of the Virginia Beach-Norfolk Expressway.

Price Street: Beginning at the southern boundary of Rose Drive and running in a southerly direction a distance of 744.71 feet along the eastern property line and a distance of 674.67 feet along the western property to the northern boundary of the Virginia Beach-Norfolk Expressway. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

4.

An Ordinance upon Application of Rollen & Jackie Ross for a Con-

ditional Use Permit for an indoor recreational facility (family game room) on the northeast side of Princess Anne Road, 1500 feet more or less west of Lord Dunmore Drive. Said parcel is located at 4402 Princess Anne Road #109 and contains 1884 square feet. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

5.

An Ordinance upon Application of Jimmy Pebworth for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-2 Agricultural District to R-7.5 Residential Duplex District on certain property located on the north side of Culver Lane, 363 feet more or less east of General Booth Boulevard. The proposed zoning classification change to R-7.5 is for single family and duplex residential land use at a density no greater than 3.5 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for Urban Medium Low Density Residential at densities that are compatible with multi-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 5 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

6.

An Ordinance upon Application of Big Bertha Investments for a Conditional Use Permit for a recreational facility of an outdoor nature (rental of water recreational vehicles) on the south side of Shore Drive, west of Vista Circle. Said parcel is located at 3319 Shore Drive and contains 27,390.32

ACRES. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

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square feet. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

7.

Appeal from Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Robert Steinbiller. Property is located at 1049 Brooklyn Avenue. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

All interested parties are invited

to attend.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AAB City Clerk

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing impaired, call TDD only 427-4305 (TDD - Telephone Device for the Deaf)

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NOTIFICATION TO BIDDERS

PREQUALIFICATION

Job Des. 2846-Rte. I-64-Louis & Fluvanna Co's. -Br. Reps. & Epoxy Overlay (MINIMUM PREQUALIFICATION)

Job Des. 2847-Rte. 13-Norhampton Co. -1.75 Mi. Rubblizing Reinf. Hyd. Cem. Conc. Pav. & Overlay with 9 1/2" Asphalt Conc.

Job Des. 2848-Rte. 44 EBL-City of Virginia Beach-Repr. PCC Pav. Including Full Depth Full La. Width Patching, Approach Slab Repr., Silicone Resealing of Joints & Replace Preformed Joint Sealer

Job Des. 2850-Various Rtes. -Prince George & Dinwiddie Co's. -Install Curb Cut Ramps (MINIMUM PREQUALIFICATION)

Job Des. 2851-Various Rtes. -Amelia, Nottoway, Lunenburg, Brunswick & Mecklenburg Co's. -Install Curb Cut Ramps (MINIMUM PREQUALIFICATION)

Job Des. 2852-Various Rtes. -Chesterfield Co. -Install Curb Cut Ramps (MINIMUM PREQUALIFICATION)

Job Des. 2853-Various Rtes. -Culpeper District -Guardrail Installation & Replacement

Job Des. 2854-Various Rtes. -Goochland & Hanover Co's. -Install Curb Cut Ramps (MINIMUM PREQUALIFICATION)

Job Des. 2855-Rte. 64-City of Hampton -Acrylic Coating of Open Approach Walls PREQUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS ARE WAIVED FOR THIS PROJECT -REQUIRED ATTENDANCE AT PROJECT SHOWING

Job Des. 2857-Rtes. 54 & 60-James City Co. -11.45 Mi. Conc. Pav. Repr. -Cont. Pav. (Full Depth), Longitudinal and Transverse Joint Silicone Resealing

Job Des. 2858-Rte. 64-York Co. -Repaint Exst. Steel Strs. (5 Brs.)

Job Des. 2859-Various Rtes. -Salem District -Install Overhead Sign Strs. & Sign Str. Supports (MINIMUM PREQUALIFICATION)

Job Des. 2860-Various Rtes. -Salem District -Sign Str. Replacement (MINIMUM PREQUALIFICATION)

Job Des. 2861-Rte. 64-James City Co. -Repaint Exst. Steel Strs. (3 Brs.)

Job Des. 2862-Rtes. 95-Greensville Co. -7.3 Mi. Conc. Pav. Repr. REQUIRED ATTENDANCE AT PROJECT SHOWING

Job Des. 2863-Rtes. 68 & 95-Prince William Co. -Fence Replacement (MINIMUM PREQUALIFICATION)

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Job Des. 2865-Various Rtes. -Rockingham, Shenandoah, Frederick, Page, Warren & Clarke Co's. -Guardrail Maintenance (MINIMUM PREQUALIFICATION)

Job Des. 2866-Various Rtes. -Franklin Co. -Clean & Reshape 27.43 Mi. roadside Ditches & Machine 37.49 Mi. High Shoulders (MINIMUM PREQUALIFICATION) REQUIRED ATTENDANCE AT PROJECT SHOWING

Job Des. 2867-Rte. 33-King William Co. -Constr. Left Turn La. (MINIMUM PREQUALIFICATION)

Job Des. 2868-Various Rtes. -Fairfax Co. -Repr. & Replace Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter & Entrances

Job Des. 2869-Various Rtes. -Rockingham Co. -Install Curb Cut Ramps (MINIMUM PREQUALIFICATION)

Job Des. 2870-Various Rtes. -Fairfax Co. -Repr. & Replace Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter & Entrances

Job Des. 2874-Various Rtes. -Fairfax Co. -Repr. & Replace Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter & Entrances

Job Des. 2875-Various Rtes. -Fairfax Co. -Repr. & Replace Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter & Entrances

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NOTE: FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE CONTRACT ENGINEER

LONDON BRIDGE ROAD

City of Virginia Beach

Citizen Information / Participation Meeting

Meeting:

Thursday, March 17, 1994 * 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.
Plaza Middle School located at 3080 South Lynnhaven Road
in Virginia Beach

Purpose:

To provide interested citizens an opportunity to informally review and discuss the preliminary plans for the proposed improvement to London Bridge Road beginning at Shipp's Corner Road and ending at Virginia Beach Boulevard (Route 58).

Special Assistance:

If you require additional information or special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting please call:

TDD / Voice Calls: 1-800-307-4630



Virginia Department of Transportation

Project: U800-134-129,PE-101,RW-301,C-501

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NOTIFICATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids will be received at the Virginia Department of Transportation, Central Office Auditorium, 1221 E. Broad St.; the Plan Rm., 12th Floor, Annex Bldg., 1401 E. Broad St.; and the parking lot Security Sta., located between the Highway Bldg., 1221 E. Broad St., and the newly renovated Highway Bldg., 1201 E. Broad St., Richmond, Va., until 10:00 A.M., EST, Wednesday, March 16, 1994, and will be opened in the Central Office Auditorium, 1221 E. Broad St., Richmond, Va., for the construction of:

Job Des. 137-93B -Various Rtes. -Salem District -Repaint Exist. Weathering Steel Strs. (16 Brs.)

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Job Des. 42-94A-Rte. 980-Halifax Co. -0.043 L.S. Grading, Drainage & Asphalt Pav. (MINIMUM PREQUALIFICATION)

Job Des. 50-94A-Rte. 649-Lunenburg Co. -1.92 Mi. L.S. Grading, Draining & Asphalt S.T. Pav. (MINIMUM PREQUALIFICATION)

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Job Des. 53-94A -Various Rtes. -Buchanan Co. -18.82 Mi. Asphalt Overlay & Stabilize Shoulders

Job Des. 55-94A-Rte. 605-Franklin & Henry Co's. -0.676 Mi. Grading, Drainage Strs. & Asphalt S.T. Pav.

Job Des. 57-94A-Rte. 1602-Roanoke Co. -0.133 Mi. Grading, Drainage & Asphalt Pav. (MINIMUM PREQUALIFICATION)

Job Des. 58-94A-Rte. 645-Buchanan Co. -0.1 Mi. Wid.: Includes L.S. Grading & Asphalt Pav. (MINIMUM PREQUALIFICATION) REQUIRED ATTENDANCE AT PROJECT SHOWING

Job Des. 59-94A-Rte. 501-Halifax Co. -2.293 Mi. Grading, Drainage & Asphalt Pav.

Job Des. 60-94A-Rte. 611-Russell Co. -0.074 Mi. L.S. Grading, Drainage & Asphalt S.T. Pav. (MINIMUM PREQUALIFICATION)

Job Des. 61-94A-Rte. 653-Scott Co. -Br. & Approaches over Stock Cr. (MINIMUM PREQUALIFICATION)

Job Des. 62-94A-S. Plaza Trail -City of Virginia Beach -0.753 Mi. Grading, Drainage, Asphalt Pav., Incld., Util., & Signals

Job Des. 63-94A-Rte. 626-Prince George Co. -0.882 Mi. L.S. Grading, Drainage, Asphalt S.T. Pav. & Drainage Str. (MINIMUM PREQUALIFICATION)

Job Des. 64-94A-Rte. 55-Warren Co. -0.337 Mi. Wid.: Includes L.S. Grading, Drainage, Asphalt Pav. & Signals (MINIMUM PREQUALIFICATION)

Job Des. 65-94A-Rte. 17-Fauquier Co. -Proposed Superstr. Replacement & Substr. Rehab. over Goose Cr.

Job Des. 66-94A-Rte. 657-Rockbridge Co. -Br. & Approaches over Collers Cr. (MINIMUM PREQUALIFICATION)

Job Des. 67-94A-Various Rtes. -Fairfax Co. -0.521 Mi. L.S. Grading, Drainage, Asphalt Pav., Incld., Util.

Job Des. 68-94A-Rte. 58-Grayson Co. -Br. Replacement & Approach Work over Cabin Cr. (MINIMUM PREQUALIFICATION)

Job Des. 69-94A-Rte. 1-P-Prince William Co. -0.251 Mi. Wid.: Grading, Drainage, Asphalt Pav., Incld., Util. & Signals

Job Des. 70-94A-Rte. 675-Montgomery Co. -1.794 Mi. Grading, Drainage Str. & Asphalt S.T. Pav.

Job Des. 71-94A-Rte. 58-Lee Co. -4.4 Mi. Grading, Drainage, Asphalt Pav., Util., Demo. of Bldg & Br.

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The group meets the first Saturday of each month at Russell Memorial Library, 2808 Taylor Rd. in Chesapeake at 10 a.m.

The group offers support to writers as well as access to critique groups, lectures by current authors and individuals in the publishing world, and updated information on the writer's market. The chapter is an associate of the Romance Writers of America.

Individuals who wish to join need to be writers in the romance genre. Anyone interested in the writing, publishing and marketing fields are welcome.

The next meeting is this Saturday.

For additional information, call 867-7547 or write CRW, P.O. Box 5354, Hampton, Va., 23667.

Tidewater Music Teachers Forum schedules meeting

The next meeting of the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum will be Tuesday, March 15 at 10 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 312 Kempville Rd., Norfolk.

The speaker will be Carla Dean Day. Her topic is "Technique Through the Methods."

She is an active piano teacher in Reston, an adjudicator and lecturer.

For further information, call 424-4277.

City joins Goods for Guns

By LEE CAHILL
City Council Reporter

Virginia Beach has joined the Goods for Guns program, aimed at reducing the number of guns in circulation.

Under the program, the police department will accept for disposal weapons turned in by Virginia Beach citizens. Payment for the weapons will be made by sponsors of the program — WAVY-TV 10, the Crittenton Adjustment Company and members of the Hampton Roads business community.

The sponsors will provide funding for the buy-back program.

Councilmember James W. Brazier Jr., a captain in the police department, said that Virginia Beach learned by the mistake made under the program in other localities.

Brazier was concerned about weapons used in a felony. He said felons may be turning in weapons for goods, while in other circumstances they would be put in jail.

He also wanted to know whether the police would determine whether a weapon was used in a felony.

Brazier also in Norfolk the cost of the program escalated to \$40,000.

The program did not clarify the

types of weapons that would be accepted and people brought in weapons, such as black powder guns (actually antiques) not likely to be used on the streets.

In fact, Brazier said, a large part of the weapons turned in were not street weapons.

Brazier also raised a question of scalpers intercepting persons turning in weapons to purchase them.

Capt. M.J. Buzzy, who is administering the program for the police department, said he was aware of the problems. He said that the department also is planning to make a computer check of all weapons.

Councilmember Paul J. Langevin cautioned the program does not anticipate criminals will come in to turn in guns or that the program would in itself lead to a reduction in the crime rate.

Councilmember John A. Baum said he couldn't imagine any good reason for owning an assault weapon.

"Why would anyone have to have weapons with multiple rounds of rapid fire?" he asked.

A resolution to join the program passed unanimously.

City attorney Leslie Lilley said that the details have not been ironed out yet.

Beach couple brings arts to children

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message the audience with carry home.

They hope the children watching go away with that and more.

"Throughout any given audience of children, only about 10 or 15 will come out saying, 'Wow! I want to do that! I can do that,' Tom said.

He added because it is a live production, it can offer children a taste of something they wouldn't get at home.

"The key is that it's live. This isn't video; this isn't a movie. It's real kids doing this in front of their faces."

If Tattercoats' productions can reach just a few children, Tom continued, hopefully they will develop the same love of dance and his wife share.

Gail added they don't do what they do to promote their own business.

"We're not trying to run a business. We're working on the children's character."

She said they are so dedicated to this goal that Tattercoats is not even listed in the telephone book. The Barnes' aren't actively soliciting for more students either.

"We strive for excellence, but we know we'll never achieve perfection," Gail noted.

Tickets for "The Rose" are available at the door at the Virginia Beach Center for the Arts, Harvest Company in the Fairfield Shopping Center, as well as Heaven and Earth locations in Greenbrier Mall, Lynnhaven Mall and Kamps River Shopping Center.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children.

For more information, call 420-6611.



Photo by Victoria Edwards

Hansel, Gretel and the Bluebird of Happiness are characters in the Tattercoats production "The Rose."

Rescue squad granted funding for new building

By LEE CAHILL

City Council Reporter

City council as agreed to lend the Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad (VBVRS) \$1,250,000 for a new building in the Dome area site.

Current plans call for the construction of the Beach Borough Services Center project, including

the rescue squad building, to begin in 1997-98.

The VBVRS wants to start building this year and has begun raising funds for a new 16,000 square-foot building on two acres of the Beach Borough Services Center site.

Peter J. Agelasto II, campaign chairman, said \$250,000 already has been received in pledge toward the \$2 million goal.

R. Bradshaw Pulley, advisory committee chairman said he has served for more than 25 years and that "all these years we have been in the same building." He said the building is grossly inadequate and has been that way for a long time.

Agelasto said volunteers contribute 42,000 hours each month and that the campaign would be run by volunteers. The squad building has less than 5,000 square feet.

The interest-free loan will be paid back on an annual basis during a 10-year period.

The city has also agreed to pay \$102,000 for design and construction costs of all on and off site improvements to within five feet of the new building.

Toll issue is back in city council's hands

By LEE CAHILL

City Council Reporter

An amendment proposed by the Senate Transportation Subcommittee would throw back into the Virginia Beach City Council's court the issue on when the tolls on Route 44 should be removed.

Virginia Beach Del. Frank Wagner sponsored House Bill 230, which calls for the removal of tolls by Jan. 1, since the bonds that financed the road are being paid off long before the projected 2005 date.

City council, however, did not support the legislation and passed a resolution calling for the end of the tolls only after a number of projects related to Route 44 are financed by the toll revenue.

That would continue the tolls until 2004.

Council's concern was that the Virginia Department of Transportation would not furnish sufficient funds for the maintenance and improvements of the toll road.

The amendment proposed Tuesday by the subcommittee states that if city council adopts a resolution prior to Jan. 1 to continue the tolls, in no case shall the tolls be collected after June 30, 2004.

The amendment puts the ball right back into council's court.

Participants needed for Pal Around

Pre-School Pal Around meets Tuesdays through Fridays from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Great Neck Community Recreation Center, located off Great Neck Road behind Cox High School.

This program gives children the opportunity to enhance their social skills through activities, arts and crafts and fellowship with other children.

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The fire station playhouse was a big hit with the children. After all, it came complete with firefighters' coats, hats and gloves to try on for size.

Playhouse '94 fund raiser kicks off

Benefits Big Brothers/
Big Sisters program

By SASHA TOMEY

Sun Correspondent

"When you are a short adult, you can enjoy some of the pleasures children do," Virginia Beach Meyers Oberndorf stated as she prepared to cut the ribbon to some very special houses Saturday.

Looking very much like the Pied Piper, the mayor led a group of children into the Day Cottage, one of the four children's playhouses on display at Mount Trashmore.

The children tumbled into the house, racing up the ladder to the

little loft and snuggling next to the mayor.

"Isn't this wonderful!" she exclaimed as she showed off the colorful cottage.

Area architects and builders donated designs, materials and time to build five unique playhouses that will be auctioned and raffled off to benefit Big Brothers/Big Sisters of South Hampton Roads.

The houses will be on display in area malls and at the Home and Garden Show.

Peter Viele, director of the local chapter of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, could not hide his enthusiasm for this year's fund raiser.

"The volunteers have just done a tremendous job," Viele said.

The children who rushed to see if the merry-go-round in the merry-go-round house really worked, dressed up in firefighter gear that came with the fire station and hurried to the top of the caboose playhouse, seemed to agree.

Oberndorf stated one out of every four households in Virginia Beach is a single-parent household.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters volunteers spend time with a child helping them develop social skills, focus on education goals, and build their self-esteem by being important to their mentor.

There are 300 children between the ages of 6 and 15 presently waiting for a big brother or a big sister.

The funds raised will allow Big Brothers/Big Sisters to hire more caseworkers," stated Oberndorf.

She and her husband, Roger, have been supporters of the non-profit organization for 30 years.

The mayor described the fund raiser as a "feel good" program that will bring happiness for years to come to a child."

Twenty years ago Candy Reddy had a Big Sister.

"We did girl things," Reddy stated. "I remember her setting my hair with electric curlers. We did our nails. It wasn't expensive stuff, or anything like that. We just did things together."

Reddy said her Big Sister influenced her in a positive way.

"I have vivid memories of the time I spent with my Big Sister," Reddy said. "If any cause is worth spending money on, this one is."

Brice Settemiller, a student at Norfolk Vocational School, worked on the caboose playhouse.

"I loved all of it," he said. "It was fun."

Settemiller explained his class was presented with the blueprints and design.

"We're still working on the tugboat," he said. "We just followed the designs. But our teachers installed bars across the windows, and made a few other modifications so the children wouldn't get hurt."

Young Mikaela Samuel didn't pay much attention to the mayor's remarks or those of the students and teachers who helped build the playhouses. She offered her views while resting in the loft in the day cottage.

"I like this one a lot," she said. "But I like the firehouse best."

She explained that the fire house had more things to do.

Oberndorf admitted this year she will be viewing the housing with a critical eye. Last year she visited the playhouse displays and wished she could think of a reason to purchase one.

This year, she admitted to the group, with the birth of her first grandchild she believes she has found the perfect excuse to place a bid on her favorite.

For more information about the playhouse fund raiser or Big Brothers/Big Sisters, call 490-5437.



Virginia Beach Mayor Meyers Oberndorf, center, was on hand to cut the ribbon at Playhouse '94, a fund raiser for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of South Hampton Roads. The caboose she, Peter Viele and Linda Jones are standing on will be offered for sale.



Mikaela Samuel found the perfect spot to rest in a loft at Playhouse '94.

Dumping allegations probed

Atlantic Park site under investigation

By LEE CAHILL
City Council Reporter

Where the mountains of concrete are coming from, they keep on coming — and Atlantic Park residents don't like it.

Neither do members of Virginia Beach City Council or city officials, who find the dumping violates city ordinances.

City Manager James K. Spore is having a report prepared on a Virginia Beach Boulevard site, which council members say is an inappropriate location for dumping.

The report also will include other locations throughout the city where violations may be occurring.

For the past two years, the Zoning Division has been responding to reported violations at a 5.63-acre site at Dukes Lane on the south side of Virginia Beach Boulevard.

But, said Atlantic Park property owner and resident William Gilliam, the dumping continues.

Gilliam, who owns seven rental properties on four acres in the neighborhood, lives across the street from the dumping site.

He told city council Tuesday he has seen concrete being dumped there in the presence of trucks from the city's Inspections and Public Works departments.

He said attitudes about race are part of the problem.

Atlantic Park is a predominantly black neighborhood, Gilliam said, but all kinds of people are living there.

The latest development is the withdrawal of an application of Recycle Development Inc. for a conditional use permit for a bulk storage facility on 2.5 acres of the site at 1902 Virginia Beach Blvd.

The application has been scheduled for Wednesday's Planning Commission meeting.

The property is owned by Allen Richter and Everett Brown, but is

"People are dumping on my land. Something is wrong some place."

William Gilliam,
Atlantic Park resident

leased to Garrett Johnson, a subcontractor.

The applicant for the use permit wants to operate a facility selling bulk quantities of landscaping materials to landscape contractors, including rock, mulch, plants and trees, fertilizers, sand, concrete lawn items, topsoil and landscaping timbers.

Plans were to crush the concrete rubble on the site and use it as surface material for the facility.

The Zoning Division has investigated the site 10 times since July

8, 1992.

The zoning inspector investigating the site Feb. 22 reported the site was about the same as it was on the previous inspection in September, "not bad enough to take to court."

But Gilliam urged council not to take the word of the inspectors and to rather go out and see for themselves.

"People are dumping on my land. Something is wrong some place," he cited.

Gilliam alleged the city is paying somebody to put concrete in Atlantic Park and city should pay to take it away.

Councilmember Robert K. Dean agreed with Gilliam.

He said that he has walked the property and that "if anyone says nothing has been added in the last several weeks, his sight is impaired."

The pile has grown tremendously, he said.

Arthur R. Shaw, operations engineer, said there is no doubt that the concrete came from city project because the only source of that much concrete is the city.

He said that city contracts now read that contractors must dispose of all unnecessary material under all federal, state and local laws.

Failure to do that would be a violation of the contract.

City Attorney Leslie Lilley said the provision may not be included

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Center puts lives back together

It is a haven of hope for Beach's homeless people

SUN CORRESPONDENT

Tucked behind a shopping center on Virginia Beach Boulevard not too far from the beach are three quadruplex-size buildings.

To a casual observer the little complex could be an apartment building with a maintenance facility attached. Or it could be a place for summer rentals.

But to insiders, the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center is a haven from the cold of winter, the uncertainty of not having a job and a place where miracles happen every day.

Supported by 68 area churches and synagogues and some civic

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Dick Powell, director

groups, the center offers practical solutions to the problems of the homeless.

Director Dick Powell emphasized that the source for these practical solutions is the Bible. For seven years the shelter has been offering hope to those who want to break free from alcoholism and drug abuse.

The shelter is divided into three areas — a shelter that can house up to 50 individuals, the Frank Bragg Dining Hall that feeds 80 to 100 people every day and a thrift store offering goods to the public.

There is also a training facility for those wishing to work in retail.

"What could be better for a Christian ministry than feeding and sheltering homeless people?" Powell asked.

He believes the shelter affords him the opportunity to put his belief in God into practical community action.

"God never gives you anything to do that he doesn't prepare you for," Powell said.

Powell was more than prepared to face the challenges of operating the center.

When alcoholism touched his life through a family member and a fellow shipyard employee, Powell felt the need to make a difference. He admitted that there are a lot of things he does not understand about the disease, but he still wanted to help.

For more information about the playhouse fund raiser or Big Brothers/Big Sisters, call 490-5437.

"I was raised to believe in the work ethic," he explained.

It seemed to Powell that by providing structure and the incentive to work, anybody could begin to heal and get away from the demons that kept them drinking.

At first Powell and some other church volunteers provided a meal once each week. He and his wife met a woman who was to affect their concept of alcoholics and their

approach to the disease.

"Every week Karen Carter, or K.C. as we called her, came for dinner. My wife and I would talk with her. She was an educated woman. She had been a school teacher. But she had started drinking, and alcohol had taken hold of her life," Powell related.

He and his wife took a special in-

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Louisa Loudermilk manages the Judeo-Christian Outreach Thrift Store with good business sense and a lot of love.

Thrift store offers goods, help

Louisa Loudermilk, who manages the Judeo-Christian Outreach Thrift Store, brought 27 years of retail and sales experience with her.

Was it possible to have a nice thrift store and offer training in retail sales to women who needed to learn a new job skill?

Loudermilk was willing to find out.

"The Lord has blessed us tremendously," she said.

Loudermilk set up shop with a handful of volunteers and a few donations. They started from scratch with just an idea and a dream.

"It was the first time I had ever actually ordered the fixtures for a new store," Loudermilk stated. "But it was not the first time I had set up a new store."

She utilized the services of volunteers and family members to make sure the store was clean and neat.

"They say thrift store, and a lot of people just think of some nasty,

smelly, old place," Loudermilk said. "I didn't want a nasty store. I want a nice place where people can come and shop, or just talk while."

As a Christian, Loudermilk found herself praying for a bigger shop not long after opening day.

"I told my employees that when we can show God we are ready for expansion, he is going to open up the store next door to us," she explained.

The employees may have smiled behind their hands at Loudermilk's blatant belief that God was going to show them the next step, but within a year she was expanding into the storefront next door.

Offering gently used goods to the public is not the only function of the thrift store.

"Many people come to the shelter without good clothes," Loudermilk explained.

"They come in and we take them

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Commentary

The race is on

And they're off!

Two Hampton Roads cities are hedging their bets that they will wear the laurels at the finish line in a neck-and-neck race for Virginia's only thoroughbred race track.

In Gate 1 is Portsmouth, a small city with a lot of heart and verve, vying for a track which could revive its economy in a big way.

In Gate 2 is the fiercest competition, the burgeoning Virginia Beach, a mecca for tourists and new growth.

Will one of these cities take the top prize, or will one of four other competitors win by a nose?

Virginia Beach and Portsmouth unveiled their secret plans Wednesday to five state racing commissioners who hold the power to make the final decision where the track will be located.

One has to admire the competitive spirit of two foes. After all, the stakes are high: Millions of dollars in tax revenues, countless jobs and a new industry.

Even if the prize ultimately goes to one of the other contenders, Virginia Beach and Portsmouth should be commended for their assertiveness, dedication and very different approaches — Portsmouth for getting civic-minded residents in on the action and Virginia Beach for its simple, "just-the-facts" approach.

Should one of these two cities wind up in the winner's circle, however, the other should remember all of Hampton Roads will benefit from the track's spin-off businesses.

Now it is time to wait and see what the Virginia Racing Commission decides — and what the future holds for these competitors.

Good luck and good work. — V.L.E.

Achieving the 'reporter look'

One thing that is clearly emphasized for new reporters is that one had better quickly adopt the look or they won't ever fit in. Fitting

in with the flock of reporters zeroing in on any hot story is very important.

The problem is nobody has defined the look. For print journalists we kind of assume it has something to do with khaki pants and a b & y shirt.

Most of us wear jackets because we need the pockets. We need to store extra pens, pencils, lip balm, notepads, film, cameras, an extra pair of eyeglasses, snacks and gum. I am ahead of the game on this one.

I recently graduated from the diaper bag. One of the bags I carry was my son's diaper bag. It can hold a lot of neat stuff.

A television reporter, however, has a whole set of problems I cannot begin to imagine. The reporters who report live from the scene have to worry about their looks, as well as if they can withstand the wind chill, the heat and the circumstances of whatever scene they are reporting from.

Want to experience this for yourself?

Dress in something nice, something you feel will look good on tape.

Then turn on the cold water in your shower full blast. As someone you trust films you step into the shower and try to look young, energetic and perky while you report about the traffic conditions in Hampton Roads during an ice storm.

If you are a male reporter, you are expected to have the "I-can-wear-a-suit" look.

This can be tough for a guy who looks better in jeans and with his shirt opened a bit.

A female reporter not only has to appear to have different clothes for every day she will be on the air, but she can't make any sudden changes in clothing style, hair style or hair

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color. Haircolor? I'm an expert on hair color. Last month I was a blonde. This month I'm a redhead. Next month I might be a Brunette.

Something happens to me when I'm in the hair color aisle. I promise myself I'll pick out the same shade I used last time, but my hands seem to have a will of their own.

The picture on my press pass shows me with deep auburn hair. Of course, it also lists my weight and height. The picture apparently is not enough to keep a reporter humble.

It's nice when a photograph runs along with the reporter's work in the newspaper. I sort of enjoy knowing what the person who has written the story looks like.

My column picture is a sunny day. I'm wearing white," I said.

The photographer clicked away.

I won't mention her name, but she hands me my paycheck every two weeks.

"It's going to be a horrible picture," I said. She continued snapping photos.

"I wish I had never seen the picture of you," a man wrote after he'd seen the photo. "I don't know why, but I imagined you looking different."

He went on for three single-spaced pages about this terrible disillusionment.

Two days after receiving the letter, I met a man whose first words to me were, "You don't look like a reporter."

I was going to thank him, but I decided it might be better to ask him what he meant.

Turns out he was expecting Murphy Brown to show up.

Whoa, it's got to be rough when you're expecting Murphy Brown and you get Lou Grant!



A Different Perspective

By Sasha Tomey, columnist

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Letters to the editor

Column made a deep impression on this Beirut veteran

Editor:

My name is Donald Latimer. I live on the Canadian border of northern New York. From 1982 to 1984, I was a Navy Seabee at the Amphibious Base in Little Creek. I made a deployment to Beirut, Lebanon to serve with the peacekeeping effort there from 1983 to 1984.

I thought our hands were tied in Beirut, until I woke up here to find out the absurdities that are present daily in our own country.

It's appalling to have had our troops sacrifice so much, only to have some bureaucrat say they did not sacrifice enough.

My God, a man gives his life and these people say that is not enough. To have had so many lives affected by those two years in Beirut deserves some type of commemoration.

A stamp is but a very small gesture in the remembrance of these men and their families who have given so much. There isn't a day that I don't think about our fallen soldiers.

Years wasted before finally honoring our Vietnam veterans should have been a wake-up call that we need to honor and respect our troops now.

Why is it our country seems to find it easier to forget our fallen soldiers than remembering the sacrifices they and their families have made?

Former President George Bush had a commemorative stamp produced only months after he declared victory in the Persian Gulf. Is that the only time we should honor our troops, when we declare a victory?

Was Pearl Harbor a victory for us? No, it was a tragedy that should not have occurred (sounds famil-

iar).

Was the Alamo? What about the lives we lost on two Jimis?

No, these are tragedies in our country that are honored by something as simple as a stamp. A stamp is something that can be seen daily and remind us of the sacrifices given by other people, so we can enjoy our lives in this world.

I was sent a copy of B.J. Sessions' column on our battle in getting a commemorative stamp.

These people we are fighting for this commemoration of our troops are the people who seem to be repeating the travesties of our past in honoring our veterans and their families.

Sessions has hit the nail on the head when he writes of these idiots who are in the position to make decisions they are obviously unqualified to make.

Your paper's efforts in helping us clear through some of the knee-deep master, which is getting thicker and thicker daily in Washington, is greatly appreciated.

I meant this to be a short note to you encouraging further coverage of our battle. As you can see, it tends to get lengthy.

Please accept my sincerest thanks in bringing light on our never-ending battle in trying to honor our fallen loved ones.

It's too bad our country would rather honor a drugged-out, Twinkie-eating singer rather than the people who unselfishly fight and die for our country.

Thanks for listening. Please tell Mr. Sessions his column was deeply appreciated.

Donald Latimer

Canton, N.Y.

'Carry Me Back To . . . The Funky Chicken'?

Frankly, my dear readers, I give a damn what the Virginia Senate eventually does about the state song "Carry Me Back To Old Virginia."

It is obvious that some words in the song offend some African-Americans, according to Del. William Robinson Jr.

Not being African-American myself (just American), perhaps I have been too insensitive to the words "old darkey," and "old massa."

For that I apologize and understand how it could be offensive.

I am offended, however, by another word in the song that has been overlooked by some. That is the word "tatoes," like in "that's where the cotton and corn and 'tatoes grow."

Having been raised "in old Georgia, the state where I was born," the word "tatoes" was used only by blacks and poor, white trash.

Everytime I hear "that's where the cotton and corn and 'tatoes grow," I am reminded of those days and offended by the word. I feel that along with the words "old darkey" and "old massa," the word "tatoes" should also be deleted.

I remember in school assembly when we would sing "Carry Me Back To Old Virginia," the children of the plantation owners and the well-to-do whites would say "potatoes" instead of "tatoes."

During that sorry period, I guess I would have been considered poor, white trash.

Everytime I hear "that's where the cotton and corn and 'tatoes grow," I am reminded of those days and offended by the word.

I feel that along with the words "old darkey" and "old massa," the word "tatoes" should also be deleted.

Also believe that I speak for all the white trash in Virginia.

Now, after deleting those words, there is not much of the song left to sing. Why not delete the song altogether?

I suggest the new state song be called "The Funky Chicken."

That way no one is offended — except the chickens.

They don't vote in Virginia — at least not yet.

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Letters to the editor

Off The Cuff

By Victoria Edwards, Editor

The news recently delivered by the U.S. Postal Service that postage prices may increase came as no surprise to me.

Lord, forgive me for saying this, but our federal government, under which the postal service serves as a quasi-branch, is actually pretty smart. It has realized there are big bucks to be made off the American people.

Before you go off saying, "This woman doesn't know what she's talking about," let me explain.

I truly believe the Postal Service Board of Directors has realized junk mail is a veritable gold mine. And since something like 75 percent of all mail is junk mail, the postal service has hit paydirt!

You really can't blame them for raising postal prices, because the people who send junk mail are going to keep sending it no matter what.

Personally, I hate junk mail. I have written about this topic in other publications. I can easily write of it again because I am continually amazed at the garbage I get.

And believe me, as editor of three newspapers, I get my share of it and more.

Let's go through today's mail, shall we? It might actually be fun for you to see what comes across an editor's desk, but never makes it into the newspaper.

As I write, one of my co-workers is helping me dig through the garbage to pick out some of today's choicest

Exchange daily.

Excited by my mail yet? Then read on. The thrills never cease.

The Virginia Beach Sun has sent me six — that's SIX — copies of the same press release at \$1.44 per envelope. I guess lawyers really do have all the money.

Now to the really juicy stuff! The Mount Olive Pickle Company is debuting a new pickle, Betty Crocker has some exciting new recipes (so exciting, in fact, that the company sent me several copies).

And let's not forget the American Egg Council. These kind of people really want me to eat my share of eggs. Again they have mailed me six of the same thing. Each envelope full of recipes costs \$2.50 to send.

I think I'll distribute these recipes around the office. At least my coworkers' cholesterol levels will skyrocket when they try all these egg dishes.

Well, there is plenty more junk mail to peruse — pounds of it — but I'd better stop. You might not be able to spend 52 cents in postage on it.

But wait! It looks as if Kings Dominion and Busch Gardens are waging some kind of press war. An envelope from Kings Dominion reveals a photograph of a new roller coaster soon to open there.

Oh, boy! Stop the presses! I see Busch Gardens has sent me a picture of a man working on a dragon display at the theme park. There's no press release explaining this picture, but apparently it was important enough to spend 52 cents in postage on it.

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1993 was a tourism bonanza

Last year was the most successful year in the history of the Virginia Beach tourism industry, according to Old Dominion University's 1993 Boardwalk Survey.

These results, following a great year in 1992, bodes very well to the fiscal future of our business community. Hotel, restaurant, amusement and retail sales receipts reached record levels.

Inquiries as a result of our advertising campaign jumped from 249,048 in 1992 to 371,116 in 1993 for a 35-percent increase. Room nights occupied citywide increased this summer from 2,087,300 in 1992 to 2,162,928 in 1993, a 4-percent increase.

Summer visitation surpassed all previous years.

One of the most important phenomena of the 1993 season was the significant rise in visitor spending per party during the summer of 1992 of about 8 percent.

Each party in 1992 spent \$891 per visit, against \$963 per day in 1993. Each party is made up of 3.6 persons staying an average of 4.5 nights.

Just who are these visitors that make

their annual trek to our city? Well, for starters, two of every three of our visitors are between the ages of 25 and 54.

Their household income averages \$55,316. More than one-half brought children under the age of 18. One in 12 of our visitors came from Canada. More than two in every three had previously vacationed in Virginia Beach.

Beach cleanliness heads the list of factors people liked most about our city. The Marine Science Museum topped the list of attractions that were visited. Myrtle Beach, N.C. and Ocean City, Md., were our top competitors.

As one can see, it's very easy to analyze what's happened in the past. But what do the experts indicate will be some of the trends that will affect travel in the future?

According to the U.S. Travel Data Center's 1994 report at the National Travel Outlook Forum, the trend toward shorter family vacations will continue.

Even though some companies have reduced travel, most American companies will continue to incorporate business trips in their overall strategic plans in order to remain visible in the competitive marketplace. International travel to all regions of the United States will increase.

The American Automobile Association (AAA) forecasts travel by car and recreational vehicle will rise almost 3 percent.

The outlook for growth in adven-

ture, ecotourism and nature-oriented travel is excellent now and in the future.

Virginia Beach can look forward to these trends having a very positive effect on visitation. The city is located within a day's drive of one-third of our nation's population.

Historically, our visitors are a "drive" market. The variety of natural outdoor and recreational attractions in our city and region continue to not only support visitation but also enhance the quality of life enjoyed by the residents.

Lastly, there is a commitment to continue a successful marketing approach that will combine substance with value and be targeted to the "beach vacation."

The most important element when looking at our past successes and future challenge is to remember that it is people and families like yours and mine, who make the decision to visit Virginia Beach and the Greater Hampton Roads area each year.

Hospitality and quality customer service is one of the significant reasons why 68 percent of the summer visitors return year after year to Virginia Beach.

More than bricks and mortar they like how they are welcomed by our community.

Hats off to a great 1993 and an even greater 1994!

Ron Kuhlman, director of marketing and sales for the Virginia Beach Convention and Visitor Bureau, contributed to this article.



Photos by Dee Lynn Smith

Nine 11th graders from the city's public high schools were recognized as Outstanding American History students by the local Daughters of the American Revolution Chapters. Honored, front from left, were: Renee DiPilato, Salem High School; Mary Buchanan, Cox High School; Stephanie Miller, Kellam High School; Karen Henderson, Green Run High School; and, Kelli Kilgore, Princess Anne High School. Back row: Stacie Nicole Thomas, Tallwood High School; Meredith Lee Yancey, First Colonial High School; Amber Michelle Larsen, Kempsville High School; and, Michael Maraghy, Bayside High School.

DAR honors outstanding students, teachers

By LIL YOUELL

Special to The Virginia Beach Sun

The Adam Thoroughgood, Francis Land, Lynnhaven Parish and Princess Anne Chapters of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) honored outstanding students and teachers of American history recently.

The event was held, with the cooperation of the Virginia Beach City Public Schools, in the board room of the School Administration Building to recognize and encourage the study of American history.

In addition to the honorees, members of the Virginia Beach School Board, principals, teachers and parents were present. Also in attendance was Mrs. Terry H. Davis, Jr., state historian of the Virginia DAR.

Mrs. Charles D. Nixon, regent of the Francis Land Chapter, presided and introduced the superintendent, Dr. Sidney L. Fauchette, who gave words of welcome.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Susan Hippens, a member of the Lynnhaven Parish Chapter.

Three high school teachers were recognized as outstanding for their work in the teaching of history.

Nancy Ford of Salem High School was presented by Nixon, whose chapter was the sponsor.

Marion Broglie of Green Run High School was presented by Mrs. Eugene Connors, secretary-treasurer of District 1 of the Virginia DAR, on behalf of the Lynnhaven Parish Chapter.

Carlton Lee Hill was introduced by Mrs. Harvey T. Walsh Jr., regent of the Princess Anne Chapter.

These exemplary teachers were given a certificate and the Battle of the Virginia Capes Medallion, which commemorates the decisive naval battle in the Revolutionary War that took place just off the Virginia Beach shores.

Two elementary students were Virginia DAR District 1 winners in the American History Essay Contest.

Rebecca Blair of White Oaks was the District 1 winner on the fifth grade level. Her essay was "Coming to America in Colonial Days (1607-1776)."

Jeri Lynn Fuller of Brandon Middle School was the District 1 winner for the seventh grade. She wrote her essay on "The Immigration of Quakers to North America, 1607-1776."

Both of these students were sponsored by the Lynnhaven Parish Chapter and were presented certificates by Mrs. Rice M. Youell Jr., District 1 public relations chairman.

She then introduced Dyan Elizabeth Dunham, a fourth grader at Woodstock Elementary, who read her essay, "What the Flag Means to Me."

For 17 years, the local DAR chapters have honored the outstanding 11th grade students of American history from each of the public high schools.

This year nine students received a



The city's Outstanding American History Teachers, from left, are Carlton Lee Hill of First Colonial High School, Nancy Ford of Salem High School and Marion Broglie of Green Run High School.



District winners in the American History Essay Contest, from left, were Rebecca Blair, a fifth grader at White Oaks Elementary School and Jeri Lynn Fuller, a seventh grader at Brandon Middle School. Dyan Elizabeth Dunham, a fourth grader at Woodstock Elementary School, read her tribute to the American flag during an awards ceremony sponsored by the local chapters of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution.

certificate and pin recognizing their achievements in the study of American history.

Mary Buchanan of F.W. Cox High School and Kelli Kilgore of Princess Anne High School were presented by Mrs. E.M. Stein regent of the Adam Thoroughgood Chapter.

Michael Maraghy of Bayside High School, Renee DiPilato of Salem High School and Stacie Nicole Thomas of Tallwood High School were presented by Nixon for the Francis Land Chapter.

Karen Henderson of Green Run High School and Amber Michelle

Larsen of Kempsville High School were recognized by Mrs. Burton A. Weisheit, regent of the Lynnhaven Parish Chapter.

Meredith Lee Yancey of First Colonial High School and Stephanie Miller of Floyd E. Kellam High School were presented by Walsh.

A reception, hosted by the Lynnhaven Parish Chapter, followed in the conference room and provided an opportunity to visit with the students and teachers.

Lil Youell is a columnist for The Virginia Beach Sun.

Young writer honors flag

Editor's note: Instead of her usual column, Lil Youell has allocated her space to Dyan Elizabeth Dunham, a fourth grader at Woodstock Elementary School. Dunham won the Flag of the United States of America Essay Contest through the Daughters of the American Revolution. This is her winning essay.

The American flag, with its 50 stars and 13 stripes, is very special to me. It honors our nation. The flag stands for freedom, peace and justice.

When I look at the flag, I see freedom, such as the freedom to travel any place I want, the freedom of speech and the freedom of religion.

Peace means a wish for the world not to have wars. Peace also means happiness for people to live, work and be free.

This is what peace means to me when I look at the flag.

When I look at the flag I see justice. Justice to me means to be fair. It also means to respect the rights and property of others and to expect them to do the same for me.

When I look at the flag I see peace. Peace to me means hope for people to live together without race, creed, or religion getting in the way.

Peace means a wish for the world not to have wars. Peace also means happiness for people to live, work and be free.

When I look at the flag I see justice. Justice to me means to be fair.

When I look at the flag I see justice. Justice to me means to be fair.

It also means to respect the rights and property of others and to expect them to do the same for me.

If they don't then that is when the law steps in and it is called justice. That is what I see when I look at the flag.

This is what I think the American flag stands for:

Freedom - to be free.

Peace - to be safe.

Justice - to be fair.

This is why the American Flag is so special.

Don't forget 4 p.m. Burning Laws

Virginia's 4 p.m. Burning Law is now effective through May 15.

During this period, daily aerial patrols will be flown by the Virginia Department of Forestry in an effort to spot forest fires and to check for compliance with the 4 p.m. Burning Law. These patrols provide quick detection and prompt response in getting men and fire fighting equipment to the scene of forest fires.

On these flights all open air burning will be checked also to see if it conforms with Virginia's Forest Fire Laws.

The 4 p.m. Burning Law prohibits all open air fires, such as burning paper, brush, trash or any type of inflammable material capable of spreading fire to the woods, except between the hours of 4 p.m. and midnight, unless such burning is done more than 300 feet from any woodland or field leading to the woods.

If any forest fire originates as a result of the violation, in addition to the above penalty, a person is liable for all expenses incurred by the state in suppressing such fire.

No open air fire can be left burning unattended at any time.

Anyone having questions regarding the Forest Fire Laws or any kind of open air burning should call the Virginia Department of Forestry office at 465-6840.

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'You ought to be in pictures'

The Virginia Beach Public Information Office needs volunteers who are willing to be photographed for use in city ads, publications and newsletters.

Adults and children in all shapes and sizes are needed.

People with unique appearances are encouraged to volunteer.

If you are interested, send a snapshot with your name and phone number on the back to Katherine Jackson, Public Information Office, Municipal Center, Virginia Beach, VA, 23451.

Your photo will not be returned, but will remain on file until an opportunity arises. Volunteers will not be paid, but will be provided with copies of city publications where their photographs appear.

For additional information, contact Katherine Jackson at 427-4436.

Extension offers conference on starting day-care

Because of changing trends in families today, many children are cared for by home day-care providers. About one-third of Virginia children under 13 are in child care on a regular basis.

The Chesapeake, Norfolk and Virginia Beach Offices of Virginia Cooperative Extension are offering an educational conference, "Starting and Managing a Successful Home Day-Care Business for Children."

The conference topics include setting up the business; licensing and voluntary registration; taxi issues; discipline; and an introduction to community resources.

The two-part conference will be this Tuesday and Wednesday, March 22 from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation Kempsville Center. The registration fee is \$5.

For registration information, call Chesapeake at 547-6349, Norfolk at 683-2816 or Virginia Beach at 427-4769.

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Robert Friend Boyd

Beach lawyer earns appointment by bar association

Robert Friend Boyd of Virginia Beach, president of the law firm of Boyd and Boyd, P.C. in Norfolk, has been appointed to the Committee on Corporate Counsel of the American Bar Association Section of Business Law.

Boyd's involvement in the civic life of Hampton Roads recently garnered him the Cox Cable "Great Citizen of Hampton Roads" award for "outstanding service and community contributions."

He serves on numerous charitable and philanthropic foundation boards, both locally and nationally. He is listed in the Marquis publication of "Who's Who in American Law" and "World's Who's Who in Finance and Industry."

He was also selected for listing in the national publication of "Who's Who in Methodism" for his leadership as a Methodist layman.

Boyd is a founding trustee and vice chairman of the board of trustees of Virginia Wesleyan College. He is a past president and current trustee of the William and Mary Marshall-Wythe Law School Foundation.

He is an emeritus trustee of the Endowment Association of the College of William and Mary.

Among the many committees and boards upon which he has served is the United States President's Advisory Committee for Fund Raising in Federal Services.

Boyd holds a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law of the College of William and Mary.



A world tour by 10 lamas from Drepung Loseling Monastery, in celebration of "The Year of the Indigenous Peoples," will make a stop in Virginia Beach soon. They will be sponsored by the Association for Research and Enlightenment.

Courtesy Photo

Tibetan monks will perform here

Founded in 1416, Drepung Loseling Monastery of Tibet was the largest monastic institution in recorded history.

At the end of the last century it housed more than 10,000 monks, training them not only in the philosophical and spiritual traditions, but also in various sacred performing arts.

They were particularly renowned for the multiphonic singing, in which each monk simultaneously recites the three notes of a chord.

This technique, exclusive to five great Gelukpa monasteries of Central Tibet, was achieved through many years of training. Drepung maintained an extraordinary form of this rare skill, and thus led the Monlam Chhamo, Tibet's largest annual music festival.

The monastery was closed by the Communists in 1959 shortly after Chairman Mao's invasion of Tibet, and most of its monks were either killed or put in concentration camps.

Fewer than 216 of the monastery's monks escaped to India, where they re-established a replica of their institution in the refugee camps of Karnataka State. The monastery was closed by the Communists in 1959 shortly after Chairman Mao's invasion of Tibet, and most of its monks were either killed or put in concentration camps.

The group of lamas are slated to come to Virginia Beach, sponsored by the Association for Research and Enlightenment (A.R.E.), the organization which studies the psychic works of Edgar Cayce.

There, they worked to preserve Drepung's ancient heritage. This illustrious institute presently houses approximately 1,500 monks.

In 1988 and 1989, eight Buddhist monks from Drepung Loseling Monastery undertook their first world tour. Jointly sponsored by the Canada Tibet Friendship Society and Tibet House, New York, and billed as "Sacred Music, Sacred Dance for World Peace," the group performed their traditional monastic music and masked dances in 130 cities in North America and Europe.

This is the third Tibetan lamas have been on world-tour performing their sacred music and dances. Because the United Nations has declared this year the "Year of the Indigenous Peoples," the Drepung Loseling Monastery has agreed to travel in a third world tour that will take them to more than 100 cities.

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The lamas will be performing

their traditional temple music and masked dances, and will perform an arrangement of pieces believed to generate energies conducive to world harmony.

Singing in multiphonic technique, and playing their traditional instruments such as cymbals, bells, drums, longhorn trumpets, they will once again share this unique performing art tradition for international audiences.

The lamas of Drepung Loseling Monastery are direct representatives of the Dalai Lama: Before he will visit a city or country, these lamas travel before him to spiritually prepare the city or country with their music, dance and other traditional religious activities.

If the lamas deem Virginia Beach worthy, the city may very well have a visit from the Dalai Lama in the near future.

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SPRING HOME & GARDEN

Form, size, fruit color are factors to consider when choosing pyracanthas

Firethorn (*Pyracantha spp.*) is a close relative of hawthorns and roses. Pyracanthas grow to 6 to 20 feet in height, with a spread of about 10 feet. It has an open growth habit with stiff, upright, thorny branches (thorniness depends on species and cultivar). It is a semi-evergreen. Foliage may discolor in severe winters or when grown at the perimeter of its hardness range.

White flower clusters appear on the branches in late spring through early summer. Firethorn flowers have a heavy aroma considered unappealing by many. The flowers mature into brilliant, orange-red fruits in the fall. Firethorn can be a spectacular display, either massed or as a single specimen, if given adequate space. Pyracanthas are well-suited to espaliered or trained up fences and posts.

Pyracanthas are drought resistant. They need regular pruning (which can be done any time of the year). They grow best in dry sites in full sun, but tolerate partial shade, although flowering and fruiting are reduced. Firethorn is susceptible to

fireblight and scab. Purchase disease-resistant cultivars and use container-grown plants to avoid problems with root growth following transplanting.

Pyracanthas can be propagated from seed or cuttings. Seed should be layered in a moist medium and stored at 40 degrees F for three months before sowing. Summer softwood cuttings can be rooted under mist after treating with rooting hormones. Cultivars should be propagated vegetatively to retain characteristics of the parent plant.

There are many species and cultivars of Pyracantha. Form, size, hardness, and fruit color are factors to consider when choosing pyracanthas. *Pyracantha coccinea* (Scarlet Firethorn) has slightly serrate (toothed) leaves and is hardy in Zones 6 to 9. Cultivars of scarlet firethorn include 'Aurea' with yellow fruit, 'Lalandei' one of the hardiest firethorns with orange-red fruit, and 'Thornless' with red fruit and no thorns.

Pyracantha koidzumii (Formosa Firethorn) is a native of Formosa. It has smooth-margined leaves and is hardy in Zones 8 to 10. It is killed at 0 degrees F. It has dark-green, glossy foliage. Some cultivars include the scarlet-resistant, red-fruited 'San Jose'; 'Santa Cruz' also red-fruited and scarlet-resistant with a prostate habit; and 'Victory' with vigorous growth, arching branches, and excellent fruit retention.

The Green Scene

By Robert M. Pilek, extension agent

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J.F. Whitlow & Sons boasts more than 45 years of service

In 1949 J.F. Whitlow, Jr. decided, after working for someone with another plumbing contractor, to go into business for himself.

He and friend chose to go into a partnership together and share the burden of running a business.

After four years it just didn't seem to be working out, both partners wanted their own business and had different ideas about how to run it. So in 1949 J.F. Whitlow, Jr. went out on his own to start his small plumbing business.

Through the years he began to install and service heating systems. He also began to acquire a reputation for high-quality work, honesty and dependability throughout the community.

As he worked his family grew. His wife and three sons began to work along side of him trying to maintain that high quality reputation he had built over those past years.

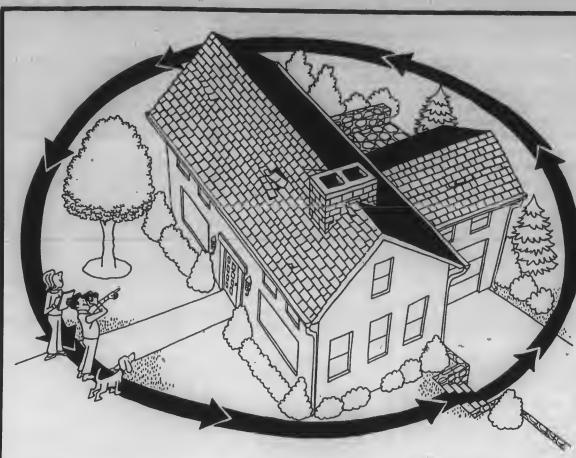
J.F. Whitlow, Jr. died in 1986, leaving his business in the capable hands of his family.

The company, now called J.F. Whitlow, Jr. and Sons, Inc., operates seven radio-dispatched trucks that service the greater Tidewater area for plumbing, heating and air conditioning installation and service.

Still a family-owned and operated business, J.F. Whitlow, Jr. and Sons, Inc. employs 12 people and is still growing.

"After 45 years in business, we have approximately 3,000 customers in our computer that we service. We sincerely strive to please each and everyone of them on an individual basis," said Alan P. Whitlow, president of the company.

Quality and honesty is what J.F. Whitlow, Jr. and Sons, Inc. has built their reputation on for 45 years and will continue to do so in the next 45 years.



Check indoors and out to prevent minor repairs from becoming major headaches. Inspecting the roof, for example, is best done by walking around the house with a pair of binoculars for a close up look. A roof with cracked, curled, broken or missing shingles probably needs to be replaced.

Need for a new roof depends on thorough on-the-roof inspection

Spring is a good time of the year to get outdoors and check the house and yard for any signs of winter damage. Get the ladder out of the garage and take a look at the gutters and roof to see if there are any leaves, twigs or other debris that might clog the gutters and cause rain to back up.

While there, take a closer look at the roof. It isn't only leaks that mean it's time to reroof, says the Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association (ARMA). A perfectly good roof may leak because of a loose or missing shingle or because of faulty flashing. Repaired, such a roof may have many years of service remaining.

A roof that appears to be in good condition, but that is past its prime may be a disaster waiting to happen. It may have hidden leaks that are damaging the deck and roof beams.

ARMA offers these tips for determining if a new roof is in order:

■ Determine its age. All roofs have what is known as a design life. Standard shingles, for in-

stance, generally have an average life expectancy of 15 to 25 years. Multi-dimensional asphalt shingles with an organic or fiber glass base can have a design life of 25 years or more.

■ Take a flashlight up in the attic to look at the underside of the deck and rafters for stains or wet spots that are signs of leaks. Use a pair of field glasses outside to get a close up look at the roof as you walk around the house. Look for cracked, curled or broken shingles; other indications of a roof past its prime.

■ Consult a professional roofing contractor who will conduct a thorough on the roof inspection and provide you with an estimate of its cost should reroofing be in order. The contractor is also a good source of information on how to use a new roof to enhance the appearance of a home.

■ Don't wait until the roof is worn out before reroofing because you may be forced into hasty decisions about installation and materials. Careful planning is the best way to assure the new roof will live up to its expectations.

Asphalt shingles are the most widely used roofing both remodeling and new-home construction. Applied in four out of five homes, they are attractive, durable, economical and require little maintenance.

Consider three-dimensional asphalt shingles should you decide to reroof. Their rugged good looks give a roof a dramatic, textured appearance with deep shadow lines. Available in a range of popular earthtone colors including beiges and rich browns, these shingles serve to blend a home with its surroundings.

To determine the kind of protection you are buying, remember that the cost of labor for application is usually the same regardless of the design life of the shingle. To estimate the annual cost of a new roof, add the cost of labor and materials and divide the result by the life expectancy of the shingle. It could turn out that the costlier shingles initially may turn out to be more economical over time because the cost of labor and materials is amortized over a longer period.

Take a shine to spring cleaning

The daffodils are in bloom, sunny skies occur more frequently and you find yourself shedding that heavy winter coat in favor of your shortsleeved sweater.

Spring is in the air and as you mentally prepare to enjoy the great outdoors again, you realize that your house also needs a fresh look to complement the balmy weather.

If you have chosen aluminum windows for your home, spring cleaning is as simple as using soap and water.

That's right, aluminum windows require no more maintenance than a good scrubbing to wash away even the worst winter grime. And since almost no one relishes the thought of spending precious warm weather weekends cleaning, scraping, painting or adjusting windows, aluminum windows can be your key to a brighter season.

What makes aluminum windows so easy to maintain? Aluminum windows are factory prefinished with durable baked-on enamel—a strong material much like your car's finish—or they are anodized finishes that actually become part of the metal itself.

They won't ever peel, flake, crack, blister or rust. Even after years of exposure to winter cold and summer heat, aluminum windows will look as good as new.

But even aluminum windows need occasional seasonal cleaning. After a long winter, rain, snow and dust accumulate to ruin the view on the inside and out.

With aluminum windows, you can throw away the paint brush and take a shine to spring instead.

In fact, frames with smooth, durable enamel or anodized finishes rarely need cleaning. Dust and spots don't easily cling to them and they will not stain. When aluminum does need a thorough spring cleaning, a damp cloth and a little plain soap and water are all you need to handle the job.

When it's time to spruce up your house for spring and summer, aluminum windows can cut your cleaning time down from days to hours.

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Judeo-Christian Outreach Shelter helps homeless get back on track

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ter in this woman who seemed to have so much potential. Each week they encouraged her to stop drinking and begin to rebuild her life.

Carter wanted to make a change. One week she failed to come to dinner. The Powells were worried. They later learned Carter had been murdered by her husband.

Thrift store offers goods, help

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through the store, or just let them shop for what they need. Then we put it in a bag at the register.

"We don't need to make a big deal about whether they are paying or not. We just want to give them good clothes to wear. We also help people who are leaving the shelter to establish their own place. We meet all of their basic needs."

In addition to clothing and bedding, Loudermilk tries to supply them with basic cooking and eating utensils.

"I'd like to start a training program for managers," Loudermilk mused.

"It would be great to have a classroom and to then bring them from the classroom onto the floor. They could get the experience they need for good employment."

Working toward the future is very important to Loudermilk.

She helps women from the shelter find clothing that will help them look their best when to go to job interviews. She is also careful not to let first impressions color her view of the people who come into the store.

Linda Reed, who lives in the area, stopped in to browse one day while taking a break from doing laundry at the coin-operated laundry in the shopping center.

She heard Loudermilk rebuking the mess in front of her.

"It says in the Bible you can rebuke something, so that is what I was doing," Loudermilk laughed.

Reed, who already had a job, asked if Loudermilk needed any help. "That's how I ended up here full-time," Reed said.

"If I had followed my first impression, I would never have hired her," Loudermilk confessed. "She didn't look like the kind of person I wanted in the store."

"I was a mess from doing my laundry," Reed laughed. "The next day I came back dressed as I would for work."

"It's like that with a lot of people who come through the door," Loudermilk stated. "They come in with an attitude. Maybe it's just pride and pride is the only thing they have left. I don't know their circumstances."

"I don't know what made them the way they are. But usually if I can just spend a couple of minutes with them they leave feeling better. That's what I want. For people to come in here and feel better."

"We can always use more volunteers," Loudermilk said. "We need good, reliable people that we can count on."

For more information on the Judeo-Christian Outreach Thrift Store call 425-1220.

Carter's death and Powell's belief that it was possible to offer more than a meal every week resulted in the opening of the women's shelter, later a men's shelter and two years ago the thrift store.

"This is the only shelter I know of that is equipped to take couples," Powell said.

The women's shelter is simply furnished. There are five bedrooms that can house several women, a laundry room and a small living room area with a television.

A person checking into the shelter can stay from one night to six months.

Clevan Brown is one of the supervisors of the men's shelter.

In addition to making sure his charges get to their classes or work programs on time, Brown is also helping oversee some repair work being done on the shelter.

Retired from the military, he insists on neat bunks, cleaned rooms and that participants in the shelter

programs get rid of the excuses they may have used in the past for not making a success of their lives.

The strapping former Navy man laughed, "It takes them a couple of days, but when I tell them there is going to be an inspection, they believe me."

Brown is also a stickler for completing homework assignments.

"We get them into high school equivalency classes for GED classes. We can get them into training programs, and we can bring in somebody to help them write their resumes when they are ready to go out and get a job."

"I tell them, don't let yourself down. I'm bringing somebody in here to help you. Don't blow this one because if you do, you will have a hard time getting back in."

Brown is very serious about this last statement.

"They'll have to go through me to get back in," he said, "and I'm not easy to convince."

Brown admitted things orderly. "You have to handle one problem at a time," he said. "I tell the men you have to be willing to make a difference with your life. I can show you how. You just have to do it one bit at a time."

The Frank Bragg Dining Hall was named after one of the volunteers who worked tirelessly to see it completed.

The retired Navy captain died shortly after the building was completed.

Through donations from area food banks, restaurants and local churches the program of feeding the hungry continues.

"We need reliable volunteers to serve," Powell explained. "We have volunteers who come in from the churches to help us. But we always need volunteers to come in and help



Photo by Sasha Tomey

Director Dick Powell is the driving force behind the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center, providing a home for those without one. It is a place where miracles happen every day.

set things up, cleanup and serve the food."

Even the parking lot is a testament to what a community can do when it cooperates on a project.

"This parking lot was built by five contractors," Powell said. "Each one did a different part of the job so that no one was left with the whole project."

The same holds true for the dining hall. A \$30,000 donation got the building started, but donations of labor and materials completed it.

Although the success stories keep Powell enthused about the project, he admitted the job brings with it a high level of frustration.

"If it was not a ministry, I'd pack it in and go back to the shipyard," he said.

The women's shelter was dedicated to the memory of Carter.

On the wall a plaque reads, "Karen 'K.C.' Carter, who died homeless but loved, December 1, 1989."

Powell was quiet for a moment reflecting on it.

"She meant a lot to my wife and me," he said finally. "She meant a lot to everybody."

SPRING HOME & GARDEN

Growing a chemical-free vegetable garden reduces health and safety risks

Growing a chemical-free vegetable garden involves more than simply browsing through the latest seed catalogs.

True, planting resistant cultivars helps give vegetables a natural head start in the ongoing battle against bugs and disease.

But experienced organic gardeners know it also takes good gardening practices, such as keeping plants well-fed and watered, cleaning the garden and rotating crops, to ensure a bountiful vegetable harvest.

If you're new to organic gardening, resist the urge to use synthetic fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides as a quick-fix solution for occasional crop disappointments. Such chemicals damage plant tissue, in addition to posing long-term health and safety risks to gardeners and their families.

Replace harmful toxins with environmentally-sound substitutions. Here are some reliable measures and new products that make gardening without chemicals a breeze:

■ **Organic fertilizers and soil amendments** — Say goodbye to chemical fertilizers. Compost and mineral supplements can nourish your soil and crops just as well.

Compost, considered one of the best soil conditioners, is made from decomposed organic matter, such as fruit rinds, hedge trimmings, sawdust and eggshells.

Organic fertilizers containing rock phosphate, greensand, bone-meal and other natural substances also help boost the content of specific soil nutrients.



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Council probes dumping

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in the contract involving the concrete at Atlantic Park.

The dumping may even violate provisions of the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Area regulations.

As early as July 8, 1992 the owners were instructed to remove equipment from the site, but the city was told that the property was leased to Johnson.

Johnson was told to remove the equipment, but after failing to correct the problem, was fined \$250 in General District Court Dec. 22, 1992.

By March 4, 1993, a lot of the equipment was removed, but the property was still in violation.

A summons was sent to property owners June 7.

City inspectors found in September the property has been cleaned up to the point that when the assistant city attorney visited the site, he felt the city no longer had a sufficient case to take to court.

The pending case were dismissed. "We want the word to go out that

Church hosts fried chicken dinner

Tabernacle United Methodist Church will hold a fried chicken dinner Friday, March 18 from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Cost for adults is \$5; cost for children under 10 is \$2.50; under 5 years free.

The church is located at 1265

Changes in mental health services is topic of meeting

Dr. Terry S. Jenkins, director of mental health for Virginia Beach Community Mental Health Services, will speak on "Changes in Mental Health Services" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at a public meeting sponsored by the Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

The meeting will be held at Eastern Shore Chapel, 2020 Laskin Rd., Virginia Beach.

For further information, call 499-2041.

Public Notice

Virginia:

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, March 22, 1994 at 6:00 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT: KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH

1. An Ordinance upon Application of Hope Lutheran Church, LCMS (William J. Cashman, Jr., agent), for a Conditional Use Permit for a church (expansion) on the north side of Providence Road, 1100 feet more or less west of Lord Dunmore Drive. Said parcel is located at 5350 Providence Road and contains 5.245 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Kenneth C. Greene for a Conditional Use Permit for truck rentals on the north side of Princess Anne Road at the intersection with Parliament Drive. Said parcel is located at 5704 Princess Anne Road and contains 37,039 square feet. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

3. Application of Georgia-Pacific Corporation for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of the following streets:

Mac Street: Beginning at the southern boundary of Rouse Drive and running in a southerly direction a distance of 418.95 along the eastern property line and a distance of 375.82 feet along the western property line to the northern boundary of the Virginia Beach-Norfolk Expressway. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Rollen & Jackie Ross for a Conditional Use Permit for an indoor recreational facility (family game room) on the northeast side of Princess Anne Road, 1500 feet more or less southeast of Providence Road. Said parcel is located in Princess Anne Shoppes at 4402 Princess Anne Road #109 and contains 1884 square feet. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

dumping is inappropriate in any neighborhood in the city, and especially in minority neighborhoods where the residents do not feel they have been treated fairly," said Mayor Meyer Oberndorf.

Councilmember Linwood Branch said that section of Virginia Beach Boulevard was the forgotten stepchild.

"It seems attitudes toward that section (are responsible and that the locations) are not an appropriate site for materials dumped."

Councilmember Nancy Parker, who introduced the subject Tuesday, attended a meeting of the community Monday night with Dean.

Parker said she had spoken to Spore a week previous seeking information on whether the site was an approved site for a dump.

Councilmember James W. Brazier Jr. said the problem at Atlantic Park has been "going on and on and on."

He also said drainage has been a problem in the area and added another site on Southern Boulevard being used as a dump should be investigated.

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The Tidewater Division of the National Model Railroad Association will hold its March meet from 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Saturday on the campus of Virginia Wesleyan College.

Signs will be posted directing visitors to the meeting room.

The meet will feature a clinic on removing old paint from models

without damaging them and a second clinic on spray-painting models with an artist's airbrush.

Non-division members are welcome to attend.

There are more than 200 members in the division, which includes the entire Tidewater area.

Membership in the division costs \$5 per year.

'Success in Christian Music' planned

"Success in Christian Music," a hands-on conference at Founders Inn and Conference Center this month, will give budding Christian songwriters practical advice from today's top Christian songwriters and artists, as well as music-industry professionals.

The conference takes place this Wednesday through Sunday, March 20.

More than 15 workshops from "Songwriting 101" and "Perfecting Performance Skills" to "Marketing Yourself" offer participants the opportunity to polish their songwriting skills and acquire the know-how to sell what they write.

Competition for Best New Performance and Best New Song highlight the four-day seminar. Participants also have the opportunity to step into the spotlight nightly at coffeehouse talent showcases.

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Sixth rec center opens

By SASHA TOMEY

Sun Correspondent

The Virginia Beach City Council had a dream in 1987 that there would one day be a community recreation center in each of the major neighborhoods.

Saturday Mayor Meyera Oberndorf cut the ribbon and invited members of city council and residents into the city's sixth recreation center, the Princess Anne Community Recreation Center.

The center is located on Ferrell Parkway in the Strawbridge section

of Virginia Beach.

The 83,900-square-foot building boasts a 25-meter-by-25-yard indoor swimming pool, two bowling lanes, two racquetball courts, fitness and weight-training rooms, two gyms, a billiards room, a dance studio and a plethora of classrooms that include an instructional kitchen.

Mark Snyder, a commissioner for Virginia Beach Department of Parks and Recreation, explained it took 18 months to complete the project. Snyder, who spends part of his time

in a wheelchair, could hardly conceal his joy that the building is so easily accessible by wheelchair.

"This is what is great about Virginia Beach," Snyder said. "It really opens up the world of recreation for anyone who is in a wheelchair."

In her opening remarks, Oberndorf thanked the senior citizens, parents of young children, and the mayor's council for the MCD disabled for their valuable input into the needs of a community center.

The \$27 membership for adults and the \$11 membership for children was described by the mayor as "the greatest bargain on the face of the earth."

She relayed a story about a woman who wanted to know how the mayor could condone investing city funds in a private country club.

When the mayor explained the construction project the woman was talking about was the new recreation center, the woman shook her head in disbelief.

She had never lived in a city that put money and energy into its recreation programs, Oberndorf said.

Virginia Beach councilman Robert Dean promised the crowd, "Today the rec center — tomorrow the library and the fire station. I promise you that!"

Residents were treated to tours of the new facility, a puppet show, face painting, a visit from McGruff the Crime Dog, helium balloons and the opportunity to sign up for any of the many programs offered

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Photo by Sasha Tomey

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf, left, and Susan D. Walston, director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, discuss the city's sixth community recreation center. The Princess Anne Community Recreation Center opened Saturday.

Beach teacher authors guidebooks

By VICTORIA EDWARDS

Sun Editor

At the end of this month, a Virginia Beach teacher will travel to Anaheim, Calif., to attend a convention of the National Science Teachers Association.

But for Elaine Levenson, it will mean much more than a pleasant getaway to a professional gathering.

While in Anaheim, the publishing firm TAB/McGraw-Hill will unveil Levenson's latest set of guidebooks created for parents and teachers with little or no science background.

Levenson's "Teaching Children About Physical Science" and "Teaching Children About Life And Earth Sciences" are revised editions of her earlier science survival guide "Teaching Children About Science."

The 1985 publication sold 40,000 copies around the nation.

But why would the Linkhorn Park Elementary School kindergarten teacher choose science as her topic since she has no formal science education?

"I was really thrown into it," Levenson said.

"When my youngest child entered nursery school, I got a job there as a science/art teacher. Science wasn't my expertise, but I did find physical science a more hands-on activity.

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Courtesy Photo

Linkhorn Park Elementary School kindergarten teacher Elaine Levenson has authored a set of guidebooks created for parents and teachers who have little science background.

City leaders explore benefits of Total Quality Management concept

By SASHA TOMEY

Sun Correspondent

Representatives of more than 115 local businesses, the military, public schools and city workers recently attended Community Quality Day to present their visions of Virginia Beach's future.

It is difficult for most people to predict what they will be doing in a year or two years, but Mayor Meyera Oberndorf and her staff are trying to streamline growth, offer the best possible services to residents of Virginia Beach and maintain a small-town enthusiasm in a city of more than 417,000.

With her eye on the year 2000, the mayor expressed her desire to see the city utilize the best management techniques and innovative ideas in education and industry.

Total Quality Management, or TQM, was the order of the day.

It wasn't a new idea to members of the military present.

Thus, focus on quality leadership, creativity and personal responsibility, along with integrating personal goals with professional needs, was

adopted by the Navy in the late 1980s.

TQM promotes a sense of team spirit. This, according to military officials and city planners, is the key to helping to community plan for the future.

"TQM means to me energy, empowerment and creativity," stated Oberndorf. "The more we empower our workers, the more citizens will react with pleasure."

Kay Carlson, founder of the Washington Denning Study Group, is a lecturer and consultant, teaching the philosophy of Dr. W. Edwards Deming, the father of TQM.

"It is important to have a vision," Carlson told the group. "If a community cannot envision itself in the future, how will it get there?"

Carlson emphasized community spirit and planning for the future.

"Let's move on and not accept the status quo," she urged.

City Manager James K. Spore was delighted with the large turnout.

"We had to turn people away for the luncheon," he said. "We just didn't have enough room."

In terms of TQM, Spore said he interpreted the enthusiastic response

from community members and the large turnout as a "good sign."

During the past year, more than 1,000 ideas offered by private citizens, middle managers and Virginia

Beach city workers were implemented.

"I'd like people to know that we are doing this," Spore said. "We are working very hard to be productive."

They are also working hard to save money.

"The 1,000 ideas we implemented saved the city \$38 million," he stated.

That is money that didn't come from taxes.

Dr. Patrick Konopnicki, director of Virginia Beach Public Schools, said that with a 40 percent military population, the TQM program is almost guaranteed to work within the school system.

"We want people to know that they can take pride in knowing that their children and grandchildren are receiving a quality education," he noted.

Michael Storm Jr., principal of Ocean Lakes Elementary School near Dam Neck, said he feels community involvement is the only insurance a city can have that its children are receiving the education they

need.

"We're still in the grassroots development process," Storm said.

"We need to educate the community. This is directly in line with looking ahead."

According to Oberndorf, the city leaders are enthusiastic and determined to implement any plan that will enable the city to increase productivity and provide optimum living conditions.

The mayor offered a special note for readers of *The Virginia Beach Sun*.

She explained that when Virginia Beach was still known as Princess Anne County and contained a small population, residents developed a rapport with county leaders.

Individuals knew that their needs, he continued, and complaints would be met by these leaders, who were their neighbors and friends.

In spite of the enormous growth of the city in the past 20 years, she emphasized, "We are still able to provide the personal response to the citizens that was part of the charm of Virginia Beach."



Dr. Patrick Konopnicki, left, director of Virginia Beach Public Schools, discusses Total Quality Management with Michael Storm Jr., principal of Ocean Lakes Elementary School.



Photos by Victoria Edwards

Bill Bradshaw, 14, left, is one of 16 youths involved in the Adopt-A-Child pilot fishing program offered by Abu Garcia fishing gear. Through the program, disadvantaged children from across Hampton Roads and the Peninsula are uniting with adult anglers from local bass fishing clubs for the sake of fun, friendship and learning. Pictured with Bradshaw, who is examining his new fishing "goodies," are his mother, Ramona, and fishing partner, Jerome Henry.

Local anglers, youths cast off with fishing partnership program

Unique program helps youths develop love of fishing, friends

By VICTORIA EDWARDS

Sun Editor

"I haven't looked at all the stuff yet," 14-year-old Bill Bradshaw confessed as he dug through a sack full of fishing gear, "but it all seems pretty good."

Decked out in his Abu Garcia fishing gear, complete with hat and vest, the Kempville Middle School eighth grader was ready to hit the water.

Bradshaw is one of 16 youths, aged 12 to 16, involved in an Abu Garcia pilot fishing program ready to go national by next year.

Through the 1994 Adopt-A-Child program, disadvantaged children from Hampton Roads and the Peninsula are uniting with adult anglers from local bass fishing clubs in the Virginia B.A.S.S. Federation for the purpose of fishing, learning and meeting new friends.

The season kicked off last week at Bayside Recreation Center. Through the Adopt-A-Child program, a fishing club makes the youth an active member of the club for at least 12 months.

During that time, an adult takes the youth fishing and

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Virginia B.A.S.S. Federation Region 7 director Paul Whitehurst of Virginia Beach kicked off Abu Garcia's Adopt-A-Child program last week.

Commentary

Befuddled politics

"Everything had gone wrong in the Oblonsky household."

This famous line opens Leo Tolstoy's novel *Anna Karenina*, published 116 years ago.

It can be said again today, with another character in another story: *Everything has gone wrong in the Chuck Robb campaign.*

The Virginia senator began his re-election bid in a swing around the state earlier this week. Nothing has gone right. It started with the six-page confessional letter released to 450 Democratic leaders. He rambled on about his shady social activities in Virginia Beach. He again denied using drugs, again explained his telephone taping feud with Doug Wilder and on and on, one confused explanation after another.

Robb said several months ago that he would "reintroduce himself" to Virginia voters with a public admission of sins. Did he ever. The astonishing letter, political observers say, just poured the gravy over his already cooked goose.

Then came the public release of 42 pages of confidential memos written by his staff members on government payroll. In an attempt to cover up his baffling behavior, the memos outlined sexual details of his liaisons with Beach party girls. What next?

Who knows.

What is known is that Robb will run against one or more opponents in the June 14 primary. Many observers have concluded that because the embattled senator has been linked with so many questionable activities for so long that Virginia Democrats might do him the favor of leaving him time to clear things up. In plain language, they should pick another candidate to run against the Republican in the November election.

Who? Sylvia Clute, a Richmond lawyer, is challenging Robb for the nomination, but doesn't seem to have the recognition or the funds to be a viable candidate.

Who else? It could be Congressman Norman Sisisky of Petersburg. Sisisky, a shrewd political veteran, is interested. Sources say he has already completed a costly, state-wide survey that suggests he has a good chance. And he has the financial resources. Like it or not, nothing takes the place of big money in a tough campaign.

At this point, Sisisky should be considered the front runner to replace Charles S. Robb as the Virginia Democratic candidate for the United States Senate. To be continued. — H.B.

It's a tough business

Some journalists may consider it an insult that I do not know what questions to ask, what haircolor to keep or how to keep my participates from dangling or my modifiers modifying.

But wait, there is more to writing than just writing. There are rejections.

I know about rejections because I am The Queen of Rejections. Yes, I am!

Every month I mail off a bunch of stuff I hope to sell. I'm a word-crafter. Just throw me in a bunch of words, and I'll toss you a story!

It's pretty simple, and I like it because I can schlep around awful clothes or my nightgown while I do it. Then I sit back and wait to see what comes back from editor that I hope are just waiting for my witty offerings to arrive on their desks.

During the month of February, I mailed out 12 such packages. By the end of the month, I had received eight rejections.

Is there anything worse than seeing a writer weeping over her mailbox and knowing never to ever write another word? Yes, there is. Worse is a writer who has just received a contract and a check.

ing concerns. For a writer, a changeable market, crazed editors and more current information can kill a writer's career before it has even begun.

Get a bunch of writers together

grouping about their rejections and somebody will point out that many of us get to work from home. This is a big plus.

It means I get to answer the telephone a zillion times a day and can vacuum between paragraphs. It also means I have interviewed a mayor while stuffing laundry into the washer and pulled my children apart while talking to a city planner.

My work-at-home experience

pages in comparison to those of my computer pen pal Bill. Bill describes himself as a Mr. Mom working from home writing a weekly sports column for a community paper and selling real estate.

His children are nearly the same ages as mine. One morning Bill interviewed an athlete with no interruptions from his children. He was going to go to them and maybe make them a really special lunch for being so considerate.

He opened the door of his office.

There in the hallway his children

were "surfing."

One child was sprinkling unpopped popcorn on the hallway carpet, while the other one surfed on a wooden shelf taken from the bookshelf.

"Did you hear me screaming?" he

wrote in a computer message. "I didn't know whether to praise their ingenuity or kick myself for not figuring out they were up to something."

If rejections were not enough, we

have our children to keep us humble.

"I knew you were a writer," my

daughter's kindergarten teacher told

me. "The week we were talking about the kind of work our parents do, your daughter told us."

"Really?" I was delighted.

"Oh, yes," the young teacher

smiled. "She said, 'I don't know what my mom does, but she swears at the computer a lot.'"

Well, of course, I do!

I am, after all, The Queen of Rejections.

Letters to the editor

Getting tough with criminals is best deterrent

Editor:

Please accept my views and comments on the rapidly increasing crime nationwide.

Everyone is aware it is constantly increasing. Some say the solution to this problem is to build more jails, hire more police officers and arrest more criminals. I disagree with this as the solution.

They have to make too many arrests now. We have to close the revolving door.

My contention is the system is not working! The system should be changed. Some may say "no."

Why not? If what we have now is working, why is crime increasing at the present rate?

I contend the judicial system should be completely overhauled. We should have some common sense laws, with no loopholes.

This is where the lawmakers of both the state and federal government should make a collective effort.

The criminal should get a speedy trial with swift, severe punishment. Eliminate the parole boards and see that the criminal serves his full sentence. We don't need just a bandage.

It's a fact that the majority of the lawmakers of both the state and federal government are attorneys and ex-judges. They have gotten the law of this nation to where the criminal has more rights, in many cases, than the victim.

Does this make sense?

Gun control or the Brady Bill will not solve the problem. We have to control the people that use the guns. How many people are murdered with guns that are bought legally?

A person of any age that commits murder, either by accident or self-defense, should be tried and sentenced as an adult.

I contend that when a person takes the life of another, it is murder, no matter how you look at it — whether it be by gun, knife, razor, ice pick, baseball bat, club or automobile. It's all murder.

No one should remain on death row more than 12 months, not eight or nine years.

You often hear of a criminal being sentenced to two life terms. This is pure nonsense! You only have one life, so why have such a silly law? This is where

Reader praises writer, homeless outreach shelter

Editor:

I really enjoyed the article written by Sasha Tomey in the March 11 issue on Dick Powell and the Judeo-Christian Outreach Shelter and Thrift Store.

In 1989, the shelter and soup kitchen were under construction. Mr. Powell oversaw the soup kitchen housed at the Fire Escape on 17th Street near the beach.

My boyfriend and I went to Mr. Powell for help. We were homeless with a one-week-old son and were desperate.

Since the shelter was under construction, Mr. Powell and his wife, Bobbi, took my son and me into their home, where our every need was met.

They talked to my boyfriend and me with understanding and compassion, parenthood, God, marriage and family.

'Good people' of the world are still out there

Editor:

Recently after I left the hairdresser's about 9 p.m., I went to the Sentry Mart in the Churchland area to get one of your newspapers and absent-mindedly left my wallet on the machine afterwards.

By the time I got home (before I even had time to realize that I had lost anything), I received a telephone call from a man who had found my wallet.

He assured me everything was still in it, and he gave me his address and directions to his home so my

husband and I were able to go there and get it.

As I sit and write this letter, I am still trembling, not only with the understanding of my own weakness and stupidity, but also with the realization of the graciousness of a very decent person.

I thank God everyday for Mr. Powell and the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center. If it were not for them, we couldn't possibly be where we are today.

I strongly urge your readers to volunteer spare time or needed items so that more people like myself can have a happy ending to the horror stories of the street.

J.A. Lalilatte

Portsmouth

husband and I were able to go there and get it.

As I sit and write this letter, I am still trembling, not only with the understanding of my own weakness and stupidity, but also with the realization of the graciousness of a very decent person.

I want your readers to know that there still are such good people around.

Margaret Windley

Portsmouth

Beware of the dreaded mailing list

I really didn't want to write about my wedding plans very much in this column. Honest!

But to my utter amazement, readers have been practically ringing the phone off the hook begging for all the foibles of planning "the big day."

Actually, I wanted to wait until something really got my dander up before writing more about the impedimenta.

Now it has.

Ever since I dragged my fiancée Evan to a bridal show about two months ago, I have been deluged with unsolicited mail from people in the wedding industry willing to make planning my "special day as simple as possible."

Now it has.

It's very appropriate that I wrote about my junk mail last week, because now I want to address mailing lists.

Evan and I had a pretty good time at the bridal show. But if the good Lord had told me attending would automatically put me on hundreds of mailing lists, we might have thought again about going.

"Here," the lady at the registration table instructed us as she thrust a pen in my hand, "write down your and your fiancée's addresses so you will be registered for the grand door prize."

"Like a lamb going to the slaughter," I innocently completed the form.

Now here's Wedding Rule No. 1: Never, ever give out your address without thinking of the repercussions.

You can rent a wedding dress. You can rent a 1950s limousine to carry you off to your honeymoon.

In the Poconos, you can lounge in a hot tub that looks just

like a huge champagne glass. You can also have a heart-

shaped bed.

But do you know what's funny? My darling groom-to-be hasn't received the first piece of junk mail. I guess the tricky marketing reps have offed out most grooms don't give two hoots about planning a wedding.

For some men, just getting to the church on time is a major accomplishment.

Actually, I must give Evan credit. He is very interested in the grand scheme of things — planning the honeymoon and (egads) buying a home.

I just wish he would get some of this unsolicited wedding junk mail I have the honor of receiving.

Sifting through all this mail the other evening (I have been accumulating it in one large shopping bag), I discovered everyone is out to make a buck in the wedding industry.

You can rent a wedding dress. You can rent a 1950s limousine to carry you off to your honeymoon. In the Poconos, you can lounge in a hot tub that looks just like a huge champagne glass.

It's also not surprising to learn that in the Poconos you can also have a heart-shaped bed resplendent in red, silk sheets and a swimming pool, for goodness sakes, in your bedroom!

I've seen brochures on the wonders of a honeymoon in Norway, the timeliness of holding your wedding at your honeymoon location (an authentic Hawaiian wedding/honeymoon is rather appealing) and why I should register for "Star Trek" china as my chosen china pattern.

My brother, a "Star Trek" junkie, is fully supportive of the latter idea. But I think we'll opt for something a little more sedate.

Yes, people in the wedding industry will go to no end to lure your business.

Just the other day, I got a lovely handwritten letter on personal stationery from a man who operates a tuxedo shop in Norfolk.

He was so polite and friendly in the letter that I almost hated dropping it in the garbage can. Too bad, I did anyway. I wonder how many of those letters he writes each day?

I would ask to be taken off these mailing lists, but I have no idea whom to write about it.

If I did, though, the letter would read something like this:

Dear Mr. Businessman,

Thank you so much for thinking about me as you drum up business.

I would venture out to your shop to see its offerings, but unfortunately I'm trapped under a mountain of junk mail.

I intended to rent a bulldozer to dig me out, but the nice man at the construction company said they are all hired out until the end of the wedding season.

If you could come to my home with a shovel and free me, I would be happy to speak with you.

Respectfully yours,

Victoria Edwards

Too many questions are unanswered in gun program

Chesapeake Police Chief Ian M. Shipley Jr. deserves the Police Chief of the Year Award for having the intestinal fortitude to ask the city council to reject the Goods for Guns, "no-questions-asked" approach.

Shipley asked council to stipulate in a resolution that people in Chesapeake who turn in guns be identified if they were stolen or used in a crime.

He also requested that no public funds be used in the program.

Shipley agrees that while the program can be helpful in getting rid of some guns, it is mainly "a feel-good type thing more than something realistic."

WAVY-TV 10 should be commended for their support of Goods for Guns the same as WVEC-TV 13 for their participation in Crime Line since its inception.

Through Crime Line, millions of dollars in stolen property have been recovered and thousands of criminals have been put in jail.

But there is no comparison in the two programs, if that is WAVY's intent.

However, they are furnishing a public service, for which they should be thanked.

There are, however, too many unanswered questions in the Goods for Guns program.

Questions need to be answered, like "Was the gun stolen?", "Is it legal?", "Who is allowed to buy a gun?", "Who is allowed to commit a crime?", "Who gives amnesty?", and "By what legal authority do they give it?"

Will Goods for Guns be held to the same laws that a private citizen is held to?

If not, why not?

Chesapeake City Council should also be commended for their support of Shipley's request to place stipulations in the resolution.

In WAVY's special announcement for Goods for Guns, they say "no questions asked."

That doesn't apply in Chesapeake, though.

Get the criminals off the streets, then you won't need Goods for Guns.

Welcome to the real world.



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Other Byrly publications newspapers: The Chesapeake Post, The Portsmouth Times, The Tidewater News, The Brunswick Times-Gazette, The Independent Messenger, The Dinwiddie Monitor, The Petersburg Monitor.

Private schools shouldn't be the answer

As a teacher and a parent of two small children, I have become increasingly alarmed at ferocious attacks on the public school system.

I fear that vouchers, which would provide public subsidy for children to attend private schools, would weaken the public schools.

The public school system is essential to the continued functioning of our constitutional democracy. Our founding fathers quickly recognized that

an educated electorate is the most critical component in a viable democracy. Even the lowliest immigrant, no matter how harsh their working and living conditions, no matter how crippling the discrimination in their employment and daily lives, could pursue that beacon of hope.

A public school education would pave the way toward a better life for them and their children.

To suggest, as some do that our democratic society could survive without tax-supported public education defies 200 years of American history.

U.S. Citizenship is special honor

For many years, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) all over the United States have arranged welcome ceremonies for newly naturalized citizens. This month my Lynnhaven Parish Chapter had this privilege.

Every time I witness one of these Naturalization Courts, I place a greater value on my good fortune in having been born an American.

At the same time, I feel a sense of guilt that I have taken my citizenship for granted, while those who are naturalized have made a conscious election to attain this coveted citizenship.

The March Naturalization Court was held in the Walter E.

Hoffman United States Court House in Norfolk March 9. When those of us who were participating in the wel-

As a teacher of 11th grade U.S. history in a public school, I see real learning going on every day of the school year.

Virginia Beach schools offer a wonderfully diverse curriculum in state-of-the-art facilities.

As many as 12 advanced placement courses are offered in the high schools among numerous upper-level classes.

The quality and variety of academic offerings available to students in our public high schools exceed those of many Hampton Roads private schools.

The technology that our students have at their disposal, from computers to woodworking machines, is up-to-date and the best our budgets can buy. Most teachers are dedicated, hard-working women and men who toil long hours, doing their best to assist children learn.

I challenge public schools' critics to visit our classrooms and see just how much positive effort and accomplishment are present in them.

I would be the first to agree that our public school system is not perfect:

■ More technology education is needed to meet the needs of all students.

■ More buildings are needed to accommodate our burgeoning numbers.

■ Parents need to increase their level of involvement in the elementary school and continue that commitment through middle and high schools.

■ Students need to make school

their first priority, before jobs, friends and hobbies.

■ Teachers must be held to high standards, encouraged by frequent supervisory observations.

Yes, public school standardized test scores have dropped over the past two decades.

However, this does not indicate that the public school system has failed. Our society has become dramatically more complex than it was a few decades ago; and while the diversity of our students is a challenge to public educators, it also is the strength and a unique quality of American culture.

We should not let down that which builds on our social diversity by diverting funds to private schools through a voucher system.

Private schools are not panacea, sparkling meccas of excellence amid a sea of mediocre public institutions, as some would suggest.

Granted, standardized measures for assessing academic excellence are often better in private schools which have had the luxury of rejecting or expelling the discipline problems, the learning disabled or the underachievers.

This option is not afforded to the public schools.

The solution is not in changing the milieus and funding of education, thereby pulling the rug out from under public institutions.

Progress lies in a more intensive, unified effort by teachers, students, parents and communities to tackle the difficulties which arise in education.

■ Parents need to increase their level of involvement in the elementary school and continue that commitment through middle and high schools.

■ Students need to make school

ing a multicultural student population.

It is simplistic and counterproductive to suggest that the myriad problems of education can be solved by transferring funds from public to private institutions.

Nancy P. Ford, a Salem High School teacher, wrote this VBEA Report.

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Lil's Quill

Lillian Youell, board member, Virginia Consortium for Law-Related Education.

Hoffman United States Court House in Norfolk March 9. When those of us who were participating in the wel-

Every time I witness one of these Naturalization Courts, I place a greater value on my good fortune in having been born an American. At the same time, I feel a sense of guilt that I have taken my citizenship for granted.



The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyer Oberndorf

and I applaud their tireless efforts on our behalf.

City employee talents have also resulted in new ideas to enhance the City Hall work environment at no cost to the taxpayers.

One exciting example of this involved the publication and sale of "Cookin' City" cookbook a few years ago with the recipes created by city employees.

More than 1,000 copies of that first book were sold. The proceeds were donated to the city's Wellness Fund for programs to improve the health and well-being of city employees, thereby increasing productivity and reducing city health care costs.

That first cookbook is a concupiscent of local delectables, such as "Rubie's Works Avod Gridlock Beef and Pineapple Soup" and "Fire House Chili."

Hopping through the pages of that

cookbook, we are reminded that things tend to change rapidly in our city — and I don't mean just our "nouvelle cuisine."

Some of the book's most prominent chefs, such as former City Manager Aubrey Wauts and former Assistant City Manager Giles Dodd, have already moved on to greener kitchens, although their clam chowder and spoon bread recipes remain for posterity.

This spring our inventive employee chefs will be stirring up "Cookin' City 2."

One exciting example of this involved the publication and sale of "Cookin' City" cookbook with the recipes created by city employees.

They are promising even more exciting recipes, as well as more healthy wellness dishes.

It's a great gift, a great addition to any kitchen and for a good cause!

My best wishes to the Wellness Committee sponsors and our creative City Hall chefs.

Hmmm, perhaps this year we can add a low-calorie, low-cost "Balance the Budget Bouillabaisse." Think of the possibilities...

Beverly Spencer, coordinator of employee relations; and Mary Lopez, assistant director for support services, Human Resources Department, contributed to the column.

LIFESTYLES

Civil War tours gain popularity

The most popular tours today have a theme or are geared to a particular subject, such as the Civil War, mountain hiking, railroading the Rockies or art.



Around The Travel World

By Charlotte Shepard, travel consultant

The Cape Henry Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy is sponsoring a heritage tour of Civil War sites to Petersburg May 19.

The Virginia Beach chapter, whose members live throughout South Hampton Roads, will depart from Military Circle in Norfolk.

All who are interested in Petersburg Civil War history are invited to join them. They will tour the Petersburg National Battlefield, the Siege Museum, Centre Hill Mansion and

Old Blandford Church. An included lunch will be in the Farmers Market in Olde Towne.

While the battlefield represents the conflict, the Siege Museum presents the human side through a film, exhibits and displays of life before and during the war.

Centre Hill Mansion is an 1823 Federal-style mansion where several movies and television shows have been filmed. It is furnished with period antiques.

Old Blandford Church was built between 1734 and 1737. During Revolutionary War times it was known as the Brick Church on Well's Hill. Its 15 stained-glass windows by Tiffany are memorials donated by the Confederate states. They alone are worth the trip.

The Old Blandford Cemetery contains the graves of 30,000 Confederate soldiers, plus the grave of British general William Phillips.

The tour fee is \$35. All interested in the tour can call 423-8470 to register.

The Smithsonian Institution offers many tours and seminars. It is offering the "Civil War: Cold Harbor Semi-

nar" from April 28 through May 1.

Two other Smithsonian Civil War offerings are "Civil War in the Shenandoah Valley," June 23-26, and "Civil War on the Rappahannock River," July 28-31.

The Smithsonian also sponsors research expeditions that the public can be a part of. One of them is to record the Battle of the Little Bighorn re-enactment in Hardin, Montana June 22-28.

To request tour and seminar brochures, call (202) 357-4700 or write to The Smithsonian Associates, MRC 702, Washington, D.C. 20560.

Coming up soon, St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Norfolk is offering all interested Hampton Roads residents an opportunity to tour the Embassies in Washington Saturday, May 14.

It is the only day they are open. Those interested can find out more by calling me.

There are usually six to eight embassies open. Those signed up to include Greece, Sri Lanka, Columbia, Indonesia and South Africa.

Now to our question of the week. Don't forget to write your in.

Question: It is more expensive for me to travel on tours and cruises as a single person. How can I get a cheaper rate?

Answer: Most tour companies and cruise agencies will attempt to match single travelers to save them money. The matches are made according to sex, age category and smoking preference.

Most matches work out well, and some become lifetime friends, repeatedly traveling together. I suggest you contact the cruise line or tour company, or have your agent do so, to find out what their offerings are.

If you have an Around the Travel World question, write the columnist at newspaper, c/o Travel Question, P.O. Box 1327, Chesapeake, VA 23227.

Shepard can also answer all your tour-related questions to the vacations described in this column. Call 423-8470 for more information.

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Patrick Hitchings, left, Cavalier Society Children of the American Revolution president, holds the Gold Cup, presented to his chapter for being the best in the state. He is pictured with Robert Hitchings, center, Cavalier Society senior president, and Elizabeth Lee, National Children of the American Revolution president. The Virginia Beach chapter received the honor at the 67th State Conference in Fredericksburg.

Cavalier CAR takes top honor

The Virginia Society Children of the American Revolution (CAR) held its 67th State Conference in Fredericksburg March 4, 5 and 6.

Societies from all over the state attended.

Members elected new state officers, participated in business meetings, toured Kenmore (the home of George Washington's sister), attended an awards banquet and formal dance.

The Cavalier Society CAR from Virginia Beach received the honor of being the best society in the state.

Patrick Hitchings, society president, and Robert Hitchings, senior society president, were presented the Gold Cup by Cindy Warren, state president, and Mrs. Ralph E. Sweeney, senior state president, at the awards banquet.



Courtesy Photo

Fourteen Cavalier Society Children of the American Revolution members attended the 67th State Conference in Fredericksburg recently.

Cavalier Society CAR also received 10 other awards and three honorable mentions.

Fourteen Cavalier Society CAR members attended the con-

ference.

The Princess Anne County Daughters of the American Revolution sponsors the Cavalier Society CAR.

Thespians present 'Anything Goes'

Princess Anne High School Thespian Troupe 1762 performed Cole Porter's "Anything Goes" in 1978 under the direction of Joe Burnsworth.

To honor former troupe members, a special 16-year reunion is being planned during the current PAHS's production of "Anything Goes" running March 24-26. The production is being performed by present Thespians, but many alumni are working behind the scenes on this special reunion show.

David Prescott, alumnus and faculty member, is designing and constructing costumes. Other alumni include Gary Spell, Josh Allen, costume designer and set supervisor, Matt Overstreet and Debbie Williams Schatz.

Joe Burnsworth, the original director, is still with the school and is the set designer for this current show.

Marian Eller, the original "Reno" (the female cast lead), will be attending the reunion dinner and show Saturday, March 26 at 8 p.m.

The cost for former Thespians is \$7. Reservations can be made by

calling Joe Burnsworth at 473-5000.

The current "Anything Goes" production is under the direction of Nancy Dodd and Don Nulemic.

Cost is \$5 for adults, \$4 for students and \$3 for children.

A dinner theater night will be held on Saturday, March 26 with a spaghetti dinner catered by Olive Garden Restaurant and show for \$10 adults and students and \$5 (children). For dinner reservations, call 490-9389 or 496-2489.

Financial Planner offers strategies

Jim Ritter, a certified financial planner with IDS Financial Services, will present "Financial Strategies: Steps You Can Take Today" at the Kempville Area Library Thursday, March 31 at 7 p.m.

Ritter will discuss the personal financial planning, evaluate investments, ways to minimize taxes, managing risk and much more.

Registration is required. Call 495-1016 to register.



Toile W. Rich, Jr.

Beach resident appointed to Life Savings Bank's Board

Toile W. Rich Jr. of Virginia Beach has been appointed to serve as a member of Life Savings Bank's board of directors.

The announcement was made at Life Savings Bank's annual meeting recently.

Rich, executive vice president, treasurer and chief operations officer of Life Savings Bank, has been with the institution for 23 years.

His responsibilities include directing financial affairs and planning activities of the bank, managing asset/liability allocations and interest rate risk, and overseeing overall financial functions including liquidity investments, borrowing, accounting, budgeting and controlling.

Rich has also been involved in many area civic and professional organizations.

They include director, Better Business Bureau; member, Financial Manager's Society; and, committee member and treasurer, Boy Scouts of America Troop 62.

Rich is married and has one child.

In order for me to represent Tidewater in the Miss USA Petite Pageant, I need sponsorship. As per pageant instructions, I will need a grant of \$100 from a minimum of 25 sponsors. With your assistance, this premiere may result in nationally naming Tidewater, "where the loveliest women come from." It will be the turning point in my life.

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'Dog-Gone' Dog Show set

The Virginia Beach Department of Parks and Recreation will sponsor the Third Annual Dog-Gone Dog Show Sunday, March 27 at Mount Trashmore.

This show brings dogs and their owners together for friendly competition in a fun and enjoyable atmosphere.

No pedigree is required, but all dogs should be on a leash and have proof of a rabies vaccination.

Owners and their dogs will compete in several categories: Best Barker, Owner/Dog Look Alike, Best Groomed, Stupid Pet Trick, Best Behaved Dog For Handler Under Age 16, Best Behaved Dog For Handler Age 16 Or Older and Best In Show.

The fun will begin at 11 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m.

Meet McGruff the Crime Dog, the Bulldog of Norfolk Academy and the Bookmobile's Clifford.

Pet services and businesses will be on hand offering information along with free giveaways.

For more information, call 471-5884.

'Timeless Fashions' is theme of event

The Hampton Roads Chapter of the National Association of Fashion and Accessory Designers (NAFAD) fashion show "Timeless Fashions" is scheduled for Sunday, March 27 from 2 - 5 p.m. at Grand Affairs in Virginia Beach.

NAFAD is a non-profit organization. It envisions that through its mission, it will be instrumental in facilitating an environment in which creative persons of all racial and ethnic backgrounds can find lifelong fulfillment, dignity and financial stability in a career or entrepreneurial endeavor in fashion and related fields.

The proceeds from this event will go towards a scholarship fund.

To purchase tickets, contact Sabrina St. Clair at 424-9685.

Rogan's Heroes to host benefit concert/barbecue

Rogan's Heroes, in conjunction with the Virginia Head Injury Foundation (VHIF), will host a benefit at the Little Creek Amphibious Base Beach Sunday, May 1 to raise money for James Rogan, a local resident.

More festivities for this open event begin at noon and include live bands, beach volleyball, all-you-can-eat barbecue, reduced price beverages and prize giveaways.

Rogan, 34, served as the fiscal services manager and coordinated alcohol awareness presentations at an alcohol education and treatment facility.

Active in the community, Rogan served as treasurer for Concerned Citizens Advocating Traffic Safety (C.C.A.T.S.) and played for three different church and civic softball teams.

Through no fault of his own, Rogan was the victim of a near-fatal car accident Oct. 1. He was in a coma for three days and only semiconscious for several days after that.

His lungs collapsed, he developed pneumonia and his survival chances were slim.

Among other things, Rogan was given a tracheotomy to assist breathing if his lungs collapsed again.

A catheter was inserted into his head to measure his brain pressure.

Rogan still has problems with his speech, vision and muscular motor skills, but he is currently undergoing speech, physical and occupational therapy in Bryn Mawr, Penn.

This treatment is necessary for Rogan to be able to lead the productive life to which he was once accustomed.

Since Rogan's insurance does not cover all the expenses incurred by such a serious accident, a fund raiser has been organized by supporters to help meet his numerous financial obligations.

Upon this decision to hold this benefit, it was decided by Rogan and Rogan's Heroes that all profits will be returned to the community through a donation to the VHIF. VHIF is an organization dedicated to serving the needs of survivors of brain injuries and their families.

Tickets for this benefit are \$20 per person.

For ticket information, call 625-0422.



Courtesy Photo

Local student participates in discussion group

Karen Rainey was among a small group of Old Dominion University students and faculty who attended an afternoon question-and-answer session on the Norfolk campus recently with guest lecturer Elaine Jones, center, the first female director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund. She spoke later that evening for Old Dominion's President's Lecture Series. Attendees, pictured from left, were: Christine Johnson of Chesapeake; Rainey; George Houle of Del Rio, Texas; Michelle Scott of Disputanta; Irthi Scott of Springfield; and Treon Hinmon of Wattsville. Jones' talk was titled "NAACP: Focus 1994." Jones has spent her life breaking barriers and accomplishing historic firsts. She is the first African-American woman to graduate from the University of Virginia School of Law, where she enrolled after graduating from Howard University and a two-year stint in the Peace Corps.

Commonwealth Musical Stage debuts classic play, 'The King and I,' at the Pavilion Theatre

The splendor and pageantry of Siam in the mid-19th century, when Western ideas had just begun to penetrate the Asiatic kingdom, form the backdrop for "The King and I," the classical musical play by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein.

Ten performances will be presented by The Commonwealth Musical Stage at the Pavilion Theatre in Virginia Beach beginning April 8.

Mary Grace Gordon will star as the hotheaded English governess who, in 1860, tried to impose her ideas of morality and education on the King of Siam and his many wives and children.

Christian DeVries will co-star as the imperious monarch who hired the schoolteacher to introduce Western ways to his children and then fought her to preserve his own oriental standards.

"The King and I" is based on the novel "Anna and the King of Siam," which, in turn, was based

on the actual published accounts of Siam in the mid-19th century, when Western ideas had just begun to penetrate the Asiatic kingdom, form the backdrop for "The King and I," the classical musical play by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein.

Music will be provided by David S. Kunkel and Virginia Beach Symphony Orchestra.

The play will run April 10 and April 15-17. Showtimes are Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 and 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$7.50 for students and \$15 to \$30 for others.

Tickets are available at branches of First Virginia Bank, the Pavilion Box Office and by calling 340-5446.

Special discounts rare available to military personnel and groups of 10 or more.

Framing is topic of lecture

"A Consumers Guide to Conservation Framing," a lecture/demonstration by local expert Lyman Speckhauer, will be offered at the historic Francis Land House in Virginia Beach Wednesday, March 30 at 7 p.m.

Participants will learn the proper techniques for framing pieces of art in order to preserve their lasting beauty. Art forms addressed will include paintings, prints, photographs, needlework and other textile items.

This program is offered in conjunction with the Tidewater Artists Association's (TAA) annual juried House and Garden exhibit currently on display at the Francis Land House.

The exhibit will be open for touring before the lecture.

Admission to this special evening exhibition opening and the lecture is \$1 per person. TAA members and Friends of the Francis Land House are admitted free.

The Francis Land House is a historic plantation home that provides tours of period rooms and special exhibits and offers special interpretive programs to the public.

Normal operating hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon - 5 p.m. Admission is charged.

The Francis Land House is located at 3131 Virginia Beach Blvd.

For more information, call 340-1732.

College premieres Americanism exhibit

"Looking to America: Americanism in the Art and Culture of Weimar, Germany, 1918-1933," an educational panel exhibition produced by the Goethe-Institut Boston, will be on display at Virginia Wesleyan College Monday through March 30 in the Alumni Galleria.

The exhibit will be open to the public from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Call the college at 455-3200 for more information.

The exhibit was assembled to introduce American audiences to the enormous impact America and

Americanism had on Germany between the two world wars.

Among the artists featured are George Grosz, Otto Dix, John Heartfield, Hannah Höch, Rudolf Schlichter, Max Beckmann, Gerd Arntz, Albert Renger-Patzsch and photographers from the Bauhaus.

Writers quoted include Bertolt Brecht, Siegfried Kracauer, Herman Hesse and Hannes Meyer.

The exhibit was previously on display at Duke University and is anticipated to travel to Princeton University after its stay at Virginia Wesleyan.

Contributions of women's organizations, Princess Anne County's history studied

The contributions of women's organizations to the history of Princess Anne County and Virginia Beach will be studied Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Boyd Dining Center at Virginia Wesleyan College.

This event is sponsored by the Princess Anne County-Virginia Beach Historical Society.

Helen Dickens, Virginia Sadler, Pearl Mallory, Reba McClanahan and Marilyn Brady will speak briefly on

various topics, including suggestions for preservation or records by women's organizations.

A reception with refreshments and exhibits of material illustrating the contributions of local women's organizations will follow.

This is the first time such a celebration has occurred.

For more information, contact program chairman Dr. Stephen S. Mansfield at 455-3234.

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Arnaldo

Navy Ensign Edgar Arnaldo, son of Francisco and Annabella Arnaldo of Virginia Beach, recently completed the Navy's Gas Turbine Engineering Officer of the Watch course.

During the 11-week course, which is taught at Surface Warfare Officer School, Newport, R.I., engineering students learn the theory, construction, operation, maintenance and management of a gas turbine propulsion plant.

The plant includes main engines and electrical systems. During the course, students spend time in a computer-controlled replica of an operating plant.

He joined the Navy in August 1988.

Devers

Marine Lt. Col. Bruce D. Devers, whose wife, Patricia, is the daughter of John M. and Dorothy McFarland of 537 Rosemont Road, Virginia Beach, recently promoted to his present rank while serving with Marine Aircraft Group 42, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, Norfolk.

He joined the Marine Corps in May 1976. Devers is a 1976 graduate of the University of Louisville, Louisville, Ky., with a BA degree.

He has been employed by Denbigh Baptist Christian School of Newport News for seven years.

Flora

Navy Seaman Recruit Leon Flora, son of Gloria and Leon Flora Jr. of Virginia Beach, recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the cycle, recruits are taught general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 occupational fields.

Studies include seamanship, close-order drill, naval history and first aid.

Grimes

Marine Pvt. Laphei A. Grimes, son of William and Ruth Grimes of Virginia Beach, recently completed recruit training.

During the training cycle at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., recruits are taught the basics of battlefield survival, introduced to typical military daily routine, and personal and professional standards.

All recruits participate in an active physical conditioning program and gain proficiency in a variety of military skills including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close-order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline are emphasized throughout the cycle.

Kiel

Navy Master Chief Petty Officer Rhonnie C. Kiel, whose wife, Patricia, is the daughter of Alice A. James of Virginia Beach, recently retired from active duty after 27 years of service.

Kiel most recently served at Trident Training Facility Bangor, Silverdale, Wash.

He joined the Navy in June 1967.

Keilman

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class James H. Keilman, son of James and Cecilia Keilman of Virginia Beach, recently departed for a six-month Mediterranean deployment with Strike Fighter Squadron 81, Naval Air Station, Cecil Field, Fla.

The 7,500 Atlantic Fleet sailors who comprise elements of a joint task group (JTG) which includes units of the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga Battle Group and the USS Inchon Amphibious Ready Group, relieved the USS America JTG.

Joining the JTG are 2,000 Marines from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit from North Carolina.

Keilman's squadron flies the F/A-18 Hornet, an all-weather aircraft configured to perform either attack or fighter roles.

He joined the Navy in May 1992.

King

Navy Seaman Recruit Herbert P. King, son of Thomas and Rosenda King of Virginia Beach, recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Orlando, Fla.

During the cycle, recruits are taught general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 occupational fields.

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He joined the Navy in November.

King

Navy Seaman Recruit Locke C.

King, son of Linda and Locke King Sr. of Virginia Beach, recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Orlando, Fla.

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Lohry

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class John C. Lohry, son of John and Sarah Lohry of Virginia Beach, recently departed for a six-month deployment aboard the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga, homeported in Mayport, Fla., to the Mediterranean.

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This is the last planned deployment for USS Saratoga. During the ship's 38-year career, it has been involved in many history-making events including deployments to Vietnam, retaliatory strikes against Libya and service during Operation Desert Storm.

Lohry is one of more than 5,400 crewmembers aboard the carrier.

The 1991 graduate of Cox High School joined the Navy in July 1991.

Lough

Navy Cpl. Christopher J. Lough, son of Ray and Diana Kimbro of Virginia Beach, recently promoted to his present rank while serving with 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

He joined the Marine Corps in April 1991.

Martin

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Kenneth W. Martin, whose wife, Denise, is the daughter of Bob and Shirley Sokolinsky of Virginia Beach, recently received a Letter of Commendation.

Martin was cited for superior performance of duty while assigned aboard the fleet ballistic missile submarine USS West Virginia, homeported in Kings Bay, Ga.

He consistently performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner.

He joined the Navy in April 1987.

Patrick

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Steven P. Patrick, son of Ralph and Barbara Sanders of Virginia Beach, recently departed for a six-month deployment aboard the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga, homeported in Mayport, Fla., to the Mediterranean.

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The 1986 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School of Dallas, Tx., joined the Navy in December 1989.

Phillips

Navy Seaman Recruit Todd L. Phillips, son of Dewayne and Melinda Phillips of Virginia Beach, recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

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Studies include seamanship, close-order drill, naval history and first aid.

Reutzel

Navy Seaman Recruit Henry J. Reutzel, son of Henry and Veronica Reutzel of Virginia Beach, recently

completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Orlando, Fla.

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Shaw

Navy Seaman Recruit Trent S. Shaw, son of Richard and Christine Shaw of Virginia Beach, recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

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Smith

Marine Cpl. Rodney J. Smith, son of Zeb and Doretha High of Virginia Beach, recently received a Letter of Appreciation.

Smith was cited for superior performance of duty while assigned with Marine Expeditionary Unit Service Support Group 13, 1st Force Service Support Group, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

He consistently performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner.

He joined the Marine Corps in February 1990.

Thayer

Navy Airman Robert P. Thayer, son of Harold and Patricia Thayer of Virginia Beach, recently graduated from the Basic Avionics Technician Course.

During the course at Naval Air Technical Training Center, Naval Air Station Memphis, Millington, Tenn., students receive technical instruction on the fundamentals necessary to perform job-entry level aviation electronics maintenance tasks.

Students also receive instruction to prepare them for further specialized training on operational aviation electronics equipment found in naval aircraft.

He joined the Navy in January 1993.

Vinson

Navy Seaman Robert T. Vinson, son of Jutta Barker of Virginia Beach, recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Orlando, Fla.

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Studies include seamanship, close-order drill, naval history and first aid.

Walters

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class David R. Walters, whose wife, Lee, is the daughter of Bill Phillips and Kay Insey of Virginia Beach, recently departed for a six-month deployment aboard the destroyer USS Arthur W. Radford, homeported in Norfolk, to the Mediterranean.

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Joining the JTG are 2,000 Marines from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit from North Carolina.

Walters is one of 382 crewmembers aboard the 9,100-ton USS Radford. This ship is 563 feet long, and is armed with missiles, guns and torpedoes.

Weber

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Barry C. Weber, whose wife, Sharon, is the daughter of Jean Row of Virginia Beach, recently reported for duty at Naval Air Station, Kingsville, Tx.

He joined the Navy in September 1983.

Williams

Navy Seaman Apprentice Charles Williams, son of Patricia Smith of Virginia Beach, recently graduated from Operations Specialist School.

During the course at the Fleet Combat Training Center, Dam Neck, students learn to operate surveillance and search radars, recognize and identify electronic signals, control aircraft approach and landing systems and operate electronic navigation systems.

Beach native fulfilling dream

By GEORGE L. MARKFELDER

Military Correspondent

ONBOARD USS SAIPAN —

Navy Petty Officer Third Class Ferdinand Garcia said he joined the Navy because it was a stable job and he wanted to see the world.

Garcia, son of Primo and Basilia Garcia of Virginia Beach, is a mess management specialist assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS Saipan, homeported in Norfolk.

"In the food service accountant for the ship, I'm responsible for more than \$250,000 of food stores a year," Garcia said.

Garcia and more than 800 other crewmembers onboard Saipan, recently completed a week-long training period off the coast of North Carolina.

The ship carries landing craft and helicopters enabling it to land more than 1,000 Marines on any beach in the world.

Saipan is the flagship for the U.S. military mission carrying out Operation Support Democracy, the effort to restore the democratically elected government of Haiti.

As part of this process, United States Navy, Naval Reserve and Coast Guard ships, along with ships from Argentina, Canada, France, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom have been patrolling the waters around Haiti since Oct. 18.

More than 3,000 ships have been questioned by ship-to-ship radio as they entered Haitian waters. More than 90 percent of the approxi-



Ferdinand Garcia of Virginia Beach is a mess specialist assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS Saipan.

weapons and related material.

Garcia said the Navy has helped him develop a sense of responsibility, but most of all, a sense of pride.

"I want to stay in the Navy for at least 20 years, then retire and become a paramedic," Garcia said.

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Open house for home gardening set

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Home gardening demonstrations with tours of the greenhouse and discussions on new flowers for 1994 will be presented throughout the day along with tours of the arboretum and discussions on which trees do best in the Tidewater area.

Horticulturists will present a collection of weeds and other unwelcome garden pests. Varieties of grasses will be labeled with information on which grasses do best in Virginia.

Lots of activities are planned for

children including a display of good and bad insects, a beekeeping demonstration and planting vegetable seeds in containers children can take home.

The Chesapeake 4-H Livestock Club will have farm animals for children to pet including pigs, rabbits and lambs. Inspectors from the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will be on hand for demonstrations on food safety and pesticide precautions.

"Everybody is getting ready to do their spring gardening. This will be an excellent way to start the season. And also, it is a great way to introduce the entire family to the many facets of agriculture," explained Dr. Pete Schulz, director of the Hampton Roads Agricultural Experiment Station.

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"Play Ball" is the title of an exciting wall mural developed using a special photographic laser engraving process.

This colorful scene is reproduced from a photo taken at the shortstop's position. Every detail is so accurate that even the fans and vendors in the bleachers are

clearly visible.

The only way to get closer to the action would be to buy a ticket or sign a big-league contract.

The unique camera angle and picture clarity of "Play Ball" are typical of the wide variety of murals produced by Environmental Graphics.

By leading the viewer's eye beyond the boundaries of the room, the space is expanded visually. The effect is so realistic, you feel you could simply walk into the picture.

Other available designs include scenes featuring outdoors and nature, city skylines and outer space themes. There is even a giant world map mural that is appropriate not only for home use, but also in schools and offices.

Wall murals offer a versatility and realism not possible with other wall coverings.

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The American dream of home ownership can be your best investment or a nightmare. Buying a home is complicated, exciting, time consuming and frightening.

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you of their observations and reporting the defects they find.

A professional inspector is well-versed in all fields of residential construction and he can look at a house with an experienced eye.

Most people hire an inspector to check the roof, exterior, foundation, basement, structure, plumbing, electrical, heating, fireplaces, air conditioning, insulation and interior.

The inspector will go into crawl spaces and other areas where you may not or will not go. Home inspectors provide unbiased opinions with no interest in soliciting repair work for themselves or any particular contractor.

Take the time to protect yourself.

Be certain your purchase contract includes a home inspection clause and the clause spells out what happens if your inspector finds defects.

All houses should be inspected regardless of age. Problems are found in new construction as well as existing houses.

Determine whether there are any major defects or system inadequacies before the sale goes through, eliminating any unpleasant surprises or insurmountable financial burdens later on.

Home inspections are not intended to point out every small problem or any nonvisible defects in a home. They also highlight the positive aspects of a home.

In fact, many of the home inspector's observations or recommendations help to dispel home buyer anxieties and provide useful repair and maintenance suggestions.

The home inspection should not be confused with an appraisal, a municipal code inspection or a guarantee of any kind.

Check resources when identifying unwanted pests

When trying to identify a pest problem, check your resources.

Most garden books, house plant guides and magazines, brochures from garden supply dealers and extension leaflets provide illustrations and descriptions of the more important pests of foliage and plants.

With experience, the various stages of the pests' life cycles become familiar, permitting more thorough diagnosis by the plant fancier.

Advice and assistance can be obtained from garden store personnel, nurserymen and local extension agents.

Aphids are small, soft-bodied insects that infest new shoots, stems and leaves. There are many species and they vary in color — yellow, red, green, brown, gray, black — often imitating the color of the plant part infested. Since they shed their "skins" as they grow, white, flaky specks drop onto leaves beneath aphid colonies as they grow. Aphids may develop.

Ants are sucking insects that excrete sugary honeydew. Honeydew appears as shiny, sticky droplets on foliage beneath aphid colonies in which black or brown sooty mold fungi may develop.

Feeding damage causing stunting, curling and distortion of the leaves and new growth.

Spider mites are wingless, eight-legged relatives of insects that are too small to identify without a magnifying glass. They look like black pepper sprinkled on the undersides of the leaves.

Mealybugs are sucking insects that infest stems and leaf surfaces. They spin silk strands over their colonies on the leaf undersurface and also in the crevices of petioles and stems when infestations are severe.

They attack a wide variety of plants.

Mealybugs are small (but larger than aphids), oval insects covered with white, powdery wax. More mature mealybugs have filaments of wax projecting from the body margin.

They are also sucking insects and produce damage similar to aphids. Mealybugs tend to crawl into cracks, crevices and crotches of petioles and twigs as well as along the veins of leaves and on the buds of new growth.

Scale insects include the brown, soft scale; the hemispherical scale; and the fern scale. The fern scale is very small, white, and elongate-oval as a male, and brownish, oyster-shaped as a female. The other two are brown when mature and yellowish-green to tan when young and small.

The brown, soft scale is oval and very flat. Hemispherical scale is what the name suggests — a half-sphere. Both are soft scales and have a very extensive list of host plants. The fern scale is an armored scale with a white cover of wax. It is a pest of ferns, but also attacks numerous other hosts.

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Mulching, composting help reduce landfill waste

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Americans generate more waste than any other country in the world. But there is one habit that, if stopped, would eliminate half of the waste sent to landfills.

Grass clippings and leaves account for as much as 50 percent of all the waste sent to landfills during the mowing season.

To spare landfills of unnecessary rubbish, the world's largest engine manufacturer urged homeowners to mulch or compost yard waste.

In fact, consumers may not have a choice. Many states are imposing laws that prohibit yard waste disposal into landfills.

This trend is expected to grow as the nation becomes more environment-conscious and seeks out additional ways to reduce waste and reuse materials.

The bottom line: Don't wait to begin recycling yard waste until your state government enacts a law regarding this issue.

Mulching

Land experts recommend that you cut only the top third of the grass to keep it thick and healthy — without leaving unsightly dried grass clippings lying on the lawn.

Leave the fresh cut clippings on the grass to provide a cushion. It protects the lawn from wear and tear and reduces water evaporation.

Yard fertilization can be cut by 24 percent because each lawnbag of clippings left on the lawn adds approximately one-quarter pound of nitrogen.

Composting

If you don't mind the effort, compost your yard waste. Place grass clippings, leaves, twigs and even kitchen scraps in a small fenced-in area. Turn the compost periodically to mix and aerate the materials. The mixture will decompose into a nutrient-rich additive for plant or garden areas.

It's everyone's responsibility to protect the earth's environment.

Mulching and composting are just two easy ways to do your part.

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Even fairly new concrete may need attention. Discoloration,

Today, however, homeowners can restore damaged concrete to its original beauty and usefulness with lasting results and at a fraction of the cost of replacement.

flaking and hairline cracks can spoil the appearance and call for resurfacing.

Until now, most homeowners considered concrete difficult to repair, mainly because the repairs didn't always last. Today, however, homeowners can restore damaged concrete to its original beauty and usefulness with lasting results and at a fraction of the cost of replacement.

The new option is the result of a recently-introduced concrete



Homeowners can blend patched and resurfaced areas together, giving the restored patio, driveway or pool deck a completed look.

restoration system that uses modern, polymer-based technology to produce a repaired area that is actually stronger and more durable than the original concrete.

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■ A new area rug will pull that comfy furniture grouping together. You can stitch together 3' x 5'

kitchen rugs into a pattern all your own.

■ Just as you like to change your attire from winter to summer, change the "clothes" on your furniture. For a summer look, use a light-colored floral or geometric print throw on the windows.

Add a spray of flowers and pull drapes away from the windows.

These quick fixes can do wonders for your home and your spirits.

Letting more of the outside in

Seems like everyone has at least one room that's dull and dark, beginning for more light and homeowner imagination.

Letting more of the outside inside with creative combinations of windows and patio doors can chase the gloom from a room. Here are some tips to achieve that desired effect:

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Say farewell to Dome

Beach landmark is coming down

By LEE CAHILL
City Council Reporter

The Virginia Beach Dome, one of the earliest structures built in the Buckminster Fuller geodesic Dome design and a city landmark, is coming down.

City council at a work session Tuesday agreed with the staff recommendation to demolish the Dome, built in 1958, and to use the area for parking or other temporary uses until the right buyer or the right plan for the property surfaces.

The Dome has not been used since July.

City Manager James K. Spore

said that because of the sentimental attachment to the Dome, a part of it may be retained on the site as a sculpture.

Councilmember Nancy Parker suggested parts of the demolished building be sold as mementos.

In a report presented by David Grochmal, director of general services, the staff recommended demolishing the building and using the Dome area to increase the available public parking by approximately 110 spaces until the property is further developed to promote the economic growth of the city.

The report also said a company has proposed placing amusement park rides and attractions on the property as an experiment for this

summer.
Demolishing the Dome would cost \$193,000, including parking lot improvements and lighting. The additional revenues would bring in a net revenue of \$53,000 a year.

The Capital Budget has \$212,999 available for the work.

A few years ago, the city had anticipated making the site available for the Dixie Stampede, a dinner-theater type attraction with re-enactments of the Civil War.

The attraction was dropped when some of the citizens objected to possible racial undertones.

The Dome was the city's only convention or meeting-type of facil-

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Community teamwork makes city's first classroom amphitheater a reality

Windsor Oaks project getting put to use Arbor Day

By VICTORIA EDWARDS
Sun Editor

Windsor Oaks Elementary School first grader Rachael Laurenzana was recently putting her heart into it.

The shovel was bigger than she, but that didn't stop her from trying to lift the heavy clods of dirt to make way for a young birch.

Laurenzana was just one of dozens of residents lending their efforts Saturday to a unique project at the school.

Windsor Oaks students will attend classes in an outdoor amphitheater, thanks to the Horticultural Environmental Learning Program (H.E.L.P.) sponsored by the Virginia Department of Forestry, the Virginia Beach Fire Department and the school's PTA.

Volunteers spent the whole day planting numerous types of trees and constructed the amphitheater on the school grounds.

This is the first program of its kind in Virginia Beach, as well as the state.

"This has been a great cooperative effort between the citizens, the fire department, the businesses who funded the materials, the PTA and the school system, not to mention the Navy Seabees, who are out here doing the berm work," said forester David Spicer, who brainstormed the project.

Plans for the amphitheater had been under way for months. But after just one day of everyone pulling



Photo by Victoria Edwards

Rachael Laurenzana, a first grader at Windsor Oaks Elementary School, puts all her effort into digging a hole for a young tree.

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Photos by Victoria Edwards

Their patience paid off, from left, as young Marc, Kara and Matthew Frank of Virginia Beach delight in the first mouthfuls of Hampton Roads' largest ice cream sundae.

It's ooey, gooey and 'oh so good!' Never mind the calories

Hampton Roads' largest ice cream sundae benefits kidney patients

By VICTORIA EDWARDS
Sun Editor

What has 50 gallons of ice cream, 12 pounds of whipped cream, a case of maraschino cherries and 30 pounds each of crushed nuts and chocolate syrup?

Sounds like a dentist's nightmare!

Actually, Hampton Roads' largest ice cream sundae is the answer.

Hundreds of area residents turned out Saturday to partake of this dairy delight at Lynnhaven Mall.

Throwing diet to the wind, the sundae eaters didn't have to feel guilty about pigging out on the creation, which was built in a hot tub, because all the proceeds from the concoction will benefit the National Kidney Foundation of Virginia (NKF-VA)-Hampton Roads Office.

The National Kidney Foundation is the primary voluntary health agency in the United States concerned with the causes and cure of kidney and urological diseases. The NKF-VA is



Hampton Roads' largest ice sundae took 50 gallons of ice cream, not to mention oodles of crushed nuts, whipped cream, chocolate syrup and cherries, to feed the hungry masses.

one of 50 affiliates of the national organization.

The Virginia affiliate provides numerous services to more than 5,200 end-stage renal disease (kidney disease) patients, thousands of renal professionals and 100,000 Virginians at risk of kidney and urological diseases.

Funded entirely by contributions and with no governmental funding, five cents of each dollar raised is spent on fund raising expenses.

Saturday's sundae event, according to NKF-VA-Hampton Roads office director Deborah

Barwick, was one of several fund raisers her office plans each year. The office will soon host an invitational golf tournament and Tuesday night's Hampton Roads Admirals' game benefited the foundation.

"We are self-sustaining. We rely purely on donations and fund raisers and have a healthy calendar of fund raising events. Our service to this market and these people makes a difference," Barwick stated.

For \$3 a cup, ice creams

□ See ICE, Page 10

Monster truck is a lean, mean fire prevention machine



Courtesy Photo

The Monster Fire Truck is being made possible through the efforts of the Virginia Beach Fire Department and the Virginia Beach Vo-Tech Center. Standing in front of the truck, from left, are: Paul Ladd, Vo-Tech student; Sean Babonius, Vo-Tech student; Congressman Owen Pickett; Vo-Tech student Mark Risco; fire investigator Don Moss; and, Rob Murray, Vo-Tech student.

Fire department Vo-Tech students making the truck possible

By VICTORIA EDWARDS
Sun Editor

Don Moss loves fire engines — big ones, little ones, ones with bells and whistles, old ones and new ones.

And Moss ones!

Moss' fascination for the vehicles is understandable considering he is an investigator with the Virginia Beach Fire Department.

As for bringing his work home with him, when Moss steps into his garage, it's almost like he never left his office. Inside and out, his garage resembles an old firehouse.

Soon Moss will have the fire truck to complete the look.

But it won't just be any truck, it will be a Monster Fire Truck with a cause!

"It's a 1944 Seagrave fire truck weighing about 10 tons and standing on tires five-feet tall. It will be the only one of its kind in the country and will carry and display fire prevention messages directed at children, as well as adults," Moss explained.

He found the truck with just

37,000 miles on it at an auction in North Carolina almost a year ago. Moss bought it and took it home.

There it sat in his firehouse garage until he had the idea of converting it into a learning device.

Now the truck is being unassembled part by part at the Virginia Beach Vo-Tech Center.

Several vocational classes, such as technology, diesel repair, welding and auto body repair, are involved in the construction.

"This truck is bringing together students from all kinds of classes. These kids were really enthused when they first heard about it," Moss related.

By building the Monster Fire Truck, the students are also gaining valuable experience for future careers.

"They're getting away from the old grease monkey type of mechanic and everything's getting computerized. These kids have state-of-the-art equipment in Vo-Tech. What they gain from the Monster Fire Truck is weight distribution, algebra, gear ratios and other mathematics," Moss said.

What is even more unique about the project is that it will be the only natural gas-fueled fire truck in the nation, thanks to the support of Virginia Power.

He found the truck with just

HOW YOU CAN HELP

If you would like to donate to the Monster Fire Truck, contact Don Moss at the Virginia Beach Fire Marshal's Office at 427-3922, or write him at the office, 2697 Internation Pkwy., Suite 104, Virginia Beach, Va., 23452.

when he says it is a Monster Fire Truck.

"Just one of these tires weighs 1,000 pounds with the rim. The truck, when it's done, will weigh up to 15,000 pounds," he explained.

The bare bones of the Monster Fire Truck is a 1986 dump truck chassis donated by the city.

And the flashier the better, Moss continued. Painted flames will add decoration, as will safety slogans all over the vehicle.

"The Monster Fire Truck will be utilized for parades, displays and exhibitions. We'll be in parades and take kids for rides. When we're invited to Hampton Coliseum monster truck shows we'll be in the exhibition at the beginning of the show.

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Commentary

Will you be ready?

For the past 12 months, a severe weather circus has been holding forth in Virginia.

The "Blizzard of the Century," severe thunderstorms, softball-size hail, drought conditions, killer tornadoes, a near miss with a Category 3 hurricane, sub-zero temperatures, flooding and destructive winter storms have combined to make 1993-94 one of the Virginia's most active and disastrous severe weather years.

Unfortunately, this circus has been no laughing matter, bringing with it a significant number of deaths, hundreds of injuries and millions of dollars of property loss.

While Hampton Roads residents were spared the brunt of the majority weather, the message to all Virginians is clear — severe weather disasters can happen anytime and anywhere. Residents should not encourage a sense of false security just because spring has sprung.

It is vital to know and understand severe weather warnings and to be prepared to take quick action to protect yourself and your loved ones.

Simply being prepared can save your life.

In recognition of the need for Virginians to be prepared for severe weather emergencies, Gov. George Allen has proclaimed this week Severe Weather Awareness Week in Virginia.

The Virginia Department of Emergency Services is joining with the National Weather Service to help prepare all citizens for the hazards associated with severe weather.

The National Weather Service issues severe weather watches and warnings that are broadcast over radio and television. When a watch is issued, it means that weather conditions are favorable for the development of severe weather. When a warning is issued, it means that the severe weather is actually occurring.

You can never be too prepared. For severe weather safety tips for any condition, write the Virginia Department of Public Emergencies, 310 Turner Rd., Richmond, Va., 23225-6491.

Then, save these tips and review them with your family.

Being prepared in advance for a severe weather emergency can mean the difference between life and death. — V.L.E.

Thank goodness for spring

At last! A respite from the monotonous weather known as winter!

Every since old Punxataway Phil popped his little head out of his hole on Groundhog Day, I have been eagerly awaiting the first signs of spring.

A couple of weeks ago, the hyacinths in our front yard started peeping through the dirt. That was welcome sight.

Then Sunday, the first day of spring, the first one bloomed! How appropriate that a single, white bud would herald in the season of rebirth.

The rest of our neighborhood is awash

in color as well.

Neighbors' yards are a gorgeous emerald green (while ours has yet to shed that dead, brown, winter look), and cheery, yellow daffodils (though a fleeting pleasure) really brighten up the place.

Unfortunately, we don't have any daffodils in our yard. I was tempted to pick some of the neighbors' to bring the freshness of spring indoors, but I doubt they would appreciate me robbing their flowers.

Another sign of spring? Mom told me she heard a woodpecker at work just this morning. Soon the other birds will assume their seasonal activities.

However, I don't particularly appreciate the mockingbirds' and bluejays' early morning squawking.

Just before dawn, especially in the summer, those pesky birds perch on the telephone line outside my bedroom window singing up a storm.

Oh well, I guess every season does have its drawbacks.

But spring's positives far outweigh

the negatives. The weather is the best asset I can think of.

Spring came in as gently as a morning breeze Sunday. The sun shone, there was just a faint hint of wind and temperatures were in the 60s.

It was so beautiful, in fact, that I

played frisbee from the work I wanted to get done, strapped on my Rollerblades™ and headed for the open road.

I was mildly surprised that evening

when I washed my face before bed to

find I had a mild sunburn. It has

since faded to a healthy glow. Not

only is spring good for you mentally, it's good for you physically, too!

As far as I'm concerned, it could

stay spring year round. Forget the

winter with its blustery cold. Forget

the summer with its horrible humidity.

And forget the fall with its temperamental weather...hot as blazes one day and freezing cold the next (although autumn is my second favorite season).

No, give me spring forever and ever!

I want sunshine!

I want warm weather, but not so warm it makes you sweat.

I want Carolina blue skies and the sweet, earthy scent of fresh-plowed gardens in the air.

I want the brilliant display of flower blooming and bees nectar.

I want soft breezes to caress my cheeks and ruffle my hair when I wander outdoors.

I want to see children outside riding their bikes and playing ball, instead of cooped up indoors playing video games.

And most of all, I want everyone to

have the same sunny disposition which spring seems to encourage.

Sure, that wish is a pipe dream, but what better time to dream than in spring?

This weekend, why don't you turn

off the tube, put on your fun clothes

and revel in the joy that is spring.

It'll do wonders for your outlook!

Off The Cuff

By Victoria Edwards, Editor

in color as well.

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Editor:

I read your column "Junk Mail - will it ever end?" published in the March 11 issue with a great deal of understandable interest.

You are quite accurate in your assessment that advertising by mail is "big bucks" today for mail order houses. In addition, advertising mail certainly has contributed to the avoidance of any postage rate increase since February 1991.

In view of the fact that any proposed rate increase will not go into effect until 1995, this represents an unprecedented four years of rate stability for the U.S. Postal Service.

City council candidates should place issues before politics

Editor:

Virginia Derby hoopla occurs in Portsmouth as hard times come knocking at the door for thousands of defense workers and hundreds of private sector employees who've lost their jobs.

One hardly knows what to say to a neighbor caught in economic downsizing.

And it's unconscionable to justify foolish waste at City Hall in hard times.

Portsmouth is engaged in an election campaign where extravagance can and should be avoided. City Hall reform is long overdue and will be delayed if this 1994 city council race sets another example of extravagance.

Do you have a guardian angel looking over your shoulder?

Editor:

Two years ago I lost my wife suddenly to a stroke. We had been happily married for 25 years, and it was a huge blow.

Yet one of my loss and loneliness has come something I could never have guessed before, a sensing that at the level of spirit, or being, we are still one. More than that, I feel the guidance and protection of departed being as I continue on with my life.

Our society does not give a lot of weight to such perceptions, and at times I have wondered if the

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Judith H. Deegan
Postmaster
Portsmouth

North foes should think again before opening mouths

It doesn't surprise me that Ronald Reagan did not know what Oliver North was doing during the last three years of his second term.

I don't believe he knew what anybody was doing.

The Democrats accused him of sleeping most of the time, and I suspect that they were right.

Reagan was surrounded by liars and self servers, who, along with the country.

Now that same crowd is coming out of the woodwork to help destroy the political career of a man Reagan once called "a national hero."

Let's talk about some of those worms:

■ Robert "Bud" McFarlane, former National Security Council director. Isn't he the one that rated on his buddies to Congress and then took an overdose of valium in an alleged suicide attempt?

He described North as a "fanatic." Is he credible?

■ Former Secretary of State Alexander Haig, the pompous ass who, upon hearing that Reagan had been shot, said "I'm in charge here," when in fact he wasn't.

Haig also said in referring to North, "His background in the military sphere just doesn't justify the high office he is seeking."

Apparently Haig has never heard of Bill Clinton, a dodger who is president of the United States, or Harry Truman, who was a captain in the field artillery.

■ Lyn Nofzinger, a former White House political director who had a few negative remarks to make about North also.

Isn't that the same guy that had some conflict of interest problems?

■ Last but not least is our esteemed Republican Sen. John Warner, whose only real claim to fame is that he was once married to Elizabeth Taylor.

It seems that everybody has been married to her. One even married twice!

What does that tell you about his judgment?

North is not a member of the "inner circle," and that is good because the inner circle hasn't done a very good job of running America.

Perhaps North can help change that. If anybody in the Reagan administration knew that a lowly lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corps was single-handedly operating his own foreign policy, they should have.

If they didn't, doesn't that scare you?

Can some of the remarks that I have made in this column be considered as low blows?

Perhaps. But then North's opponents have not been exactly hitting him above the belt either.

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A Different Perspective
By Sasha Tomey, columnist
in a horrible logistic problem for me. The bell rang. Suddenly there were herds of students all heading in one direction — the opposite one in which I was going!

I don't know what kids are being fed today, but I swear teenagers were not that tall or that big when I was in school.

"That was a horrifying adventure you sent me on," I said when I saw Victoria a few hours later. "I thought I was going to die."

"Tell us all about it," the advertising representatives said.

As I lay on the leather couch in their office, I told them about my brush with death. The advertising representatives got a good laugh out of imagining short me trying to get through a crowd of 10-foot-tall teenagers.

What I did not tell them was that at one point a teacher had to come help me wrestle a door open so I could go home.

"It's a real tough one," she said.

For a moment I allowed myself to imagine I would be stuck in high school forever. It was such a terrifying thought I don't think even Stephen King has come up with a horror to match it.

"You liked it," Victoria said after she'd let me ramble for a while. "You had a good time."

She's right. I did. The students and teachers were great.

I also saw all of my old clothes, revamped 90s style, but my old outfit just the same.

I watched a girl teetering on platform shoes. How does she ever manage to walk in those ridiculous looking things?

I couldn't help but chuckle.

I'd walked in those ridiculous looking things 21 years ago.

Ever park your car at the airport

Mayor urges adults to help the children avoid burn injuries

The old adage "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" couldn't be more fitting than when talking about burn awareness.

After all, fire and burn injuries are the second leading cause of accidental deaths in children one to four years of age.

Imagine for a moment the burn hazards which might lay in wait for a small child right in their very own

home. The kitchen, for instance, has an array of hazardous opportunities for our young ones.

How many of us routinely turn those pot handles in so curious hands cannot grab them? Are the cords to appliances kept up and out of their reach?

And how about hot water right from the faucet?

Our fire department recommends that we keep our water heater set no higher than 125 degrees Fahrenheit. Any higher than that and a severe burn could occur in just a matter of seconds.

Would you know to immediately cool that burn with cool water and not fall for the old wives' tale of butter on a burn?

Did you know that the leading cause of fire deaths among the very young is children playing with fire, primarily with matches and lighters? Have you ever left matches or a lighter within the reach of a child?

Cappy Meredith, a Virginia Beach fire education specialist, contributed to this article.

As a new grandparent, I can tell you that when there is a little one



Photo by Victoria Edwards

A sign of spring

"Hippity, hoppity, Easter's on its way!" Kaley Edington, 6, and her brother Michael, 4, pay the traditional visit to the Easter Bunny. Kaley and Michael are the children of Renate and Michael Edington of Virginia Beach, who made sure the tykes visited the big bunny at Lynnhaven Mall Saturday.

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Bricks and Mortar Campaign building

United Way is raising money for capital funds

The United Way of South Hampton Roads has officially launched its Bricks and Mortar Campaign for the capital needs of 15 local agencies.

The goal of the campaign is \$14 million.

Members of the steering committee, the agencies represented in the campaign and volunteers involved in the fundraising gathered recently at a kickoff meeting.

John R. Turbyfill, vice chairman of Norfolk Southern Corporation and chairman of the capital campaign, declared, "It won't be easy, but it never is."

The capital campaign raises funds for building projects, repairs, construction and additions. It differs from United Way's annual campaign, which raises funds for vital human services.

Many of the agencies involved in the campaign desperately need new facilities to house their expanding services.

"We've delayed this effort for the past several years because of the tough economic climate in the area. It is clear that the agencies that will benefit from this effort can wait no longer," Turbyfill explained.

Four of the 15 projects benefiting from capital funds are located in Virginia Beach.

Boys and Girls Club will build a new multi-purpose building housing a gym, day care center, pool and program centers on land



Courtesy Photo

Agency representatives who will benefit from the Bricks and Mortar Campaign pose at the recent kickoff. Pictured, from left, are Evelyn Green, Tidewater Child Care Association; Sue Sigler Popkin, Help and Emergency Response; Web Gould, Boys and Girls Clubs; Ellen Cospito-Faber, Samaritan House; Church Haris, YMCA; Paul Atkinson, Louise Eggleston Center; Marty Trachtenberg, Jewish Community Center; Beryl Love, Boy Scouts; Cindy Creede, Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia; Nellie Hayes, Girl Scouts; Cheryl Bonneville, YWCA; and Greg Kilduff, Family Services of Tidewater. The children are representatives from the Tidewater Child Care Association and the Elfinham Street YMCA.

located off Buckner and Rosemont Roads.

The YMCA of South Hampton Roads will build a new all-purpose building in Hilltop on land donated by the Poter Family, as well as make needed improvements to the Mount Trashmore YMCA and Samaritan House.

Boys and Girls Club will purchase new apartments for transitional housing for families in crisis.

Some of the other agencies in-

olved in the effort include the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia, Goodwill Industries, Jewish Community Center and Family Services of Tidewater.

A total of \$2.8 million as been raised to date through early fund raising efforts.

The major contributors so far include: Landmark Communications, \$400,000; Norfolk Southern Corporation, \$400,000;

The Beazley Foundation, \$350,000; Walter Potter, \$312,000 (land donation); The Birches Trust, \$225,000 (land

donation); The Parsons Foundation, \$109,000; North Shore Foundation, \$100,000; Frank Blocker, \$100,000; and the estate of Celia Stern, \$100,000.

The capital campaign continues through the summer.

Plea bargain is OK when used correctly

But in Tonya Harding's case, who knows?

Most Americans love a bargain. But when Tonya Harding agreed to a plea bargain to avoid jail, many were outraged. The public understands that a plea bargain is an agreement between parties, settling what each will give and what each will receive.

Some citizens felt she received more than she gave.

Last Thursday, *The Virginian-Pilot's* headline proclaimed "Harding pleads guilty to felony."

When I arrived at a beauty parlor that morning, several operators were complaining that Harding had "skated" again. They were sure she had been in on the conspiracy from the beginning and regretted the case had not gone to trial.

In this plea bargain, Harding gave up her amateur skating career, and, by the time this column is published, the U.S. Figure Skating Association may have taken away her national championship title away.

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LIFESTYLES

Pull out those cameras! City holds photo contest

As part of Virginia Beach's Environmental Awareness Month activities and Earth Day celebration, the Virginia Beach Department of Planning, Environmental Management Center is sponsoring an environmental photography contest.

There are several official rules for the contest:

- Pictures must have been taken within the city of Virginia Beach within the last two years;
- Contest is open to all residents of the Hampton Roads area;
- Only black and white or color prints are allowed (no prints);
- One of two categories may be entered — beautiful, pleasant or healthy, or beastly, unpleasant or unhealthy;
- Entries will be divided into two age groups for each category — up to 18 years old or 19 years older; and,
- Only one entry per person, no entry fee is required.

All pictures must be received by 5 p.m. April 15.

Mail or bring photos to: City of Virginia Beach, Department of Planning, Environmental Management Center, 164 Operations Building, Municipal Center, Virginia Beach, VA 23456.

Include your name, address, telephone number, category, age group and location/title of photo. Winners will be notified on or about April 22.

Awards will be presented on Earth Day (May 1) at Mount Trashmore Park.

First and second place winners will receive plaques. Participants will receive certificates.

All entries will become the property of the Department of Planning, Environmental Management Center. Judges for the contest will include professional photographers and educators from the Hampton Roads area.

For further information, call the Virginia Beach Department of Planning, Environmental Management Center at 427-4621.

Easter egg hunt is planned

The Virginia Beach Police Department's First Precinct Police Athletic League (PAL) and First Precinct Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) will sponsor an Easter egg hunt for underprivileged children in the area patrolled by the First Precinct Saturday.

The event will take place at

Princess Anne Park beginning at approximately 1 p.m. and will include a visit from the Easter Bunny.

The hunt will be divided into age groups in an effort to give all children an equal chance at the several prizes to be awarded.

For further information, contact Officer G.M. Vick at the First Precinct, 427-4377.



Courtesy Photo

Mr. and Mrs. Don Fisher show their pride in daughter Stephanie Ridenour as principal Lauralee Grimm, right, congratulates her.

Best of the Panthers tapped for honor society

By SHERRY KELLY
School Correspondent

In the dimly lit cafeteria of Princess Anne Middle School, seventh and eighth graders listened with keen interest as members of the Kellam High School National Honor Society conducted an induction ceremony.

President Rachel Johnson announced the purpose of the candlelight affair. No one knew the names of those students being tapped for the society.

"Panther Promise" would be an active chapter of the National Junior Honor Society within minutes.

Guest speakers explained the areas of character, leadership, service and scholarship. These qualities were the criteria for selection.

Princess Anne Principal Lauralee Grinn thanked the induction committee and faculty council for the time volunteered to study staff recommendations and determine finalists from which the slate of inductees came. She reminded students of the excellent role models the honorees are to others.

Kellam students then conducted the ceremonial tapping.

As unsuspecting students heard their name announced, parents emerged from behind a curtain to share the moment with their child.

A reception hosted by Student Activities Coordinator Sharon Pearce and volunteer parents allowed time for photos and a celebration before the group began a series of service projects aimed at assisting both school and com-

munity.

The "best of the best" recognized into membership included Laura Barry, Katie Boardman, Kristin Cooney, Joshua Coy, Andrea Critchellow, Melanie Diaz, Andrea Ehrlich, Kathleen Espina, Marshall Handy, Nichole Harris, Ryan Horsley, Kristin Jackson, Evonne Johnson, Angela Kelly, Elizabeth Klages, Ashley Lantigne, Amanda Louder and Renee McKee.

Also inducted were Rebecca Mead, Elena Montero, Nichole Mosley, Rachelle Mulford, Kerrie Myers, Jaki Patterson, Shannon Reilly, Stephanie Ridenour, Jennifer Riggs, Sara Rose, Trisha Shandova, Reid Shreberry, Rebecca Sievers, Diamond Stone, Sara Stominger, Virginia Upham, Elizabeth Wishart, Timothy Wolfe and Jonathan Zaperach.

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SPRING HOME & GARDEN

Garden Tips

Favorite tools

■ Large wheelbarrow: For moving soil, mulches and potting materials; for moving plants, flats and pots; for shifting bales of peat from truck to garden shed; for transporting finished compost to garden plots.



■ Long-handled spading fork: For turning compost piles; for lifting root balls; for digging out difficult weedy plants.



■ Long-handled garden shovel with a sharp, round blade edge: Use to slice through and shovel out finished compost; to mix compost and fertilizer into soil; to dig holes; to turn under green manure cover crops such as fava beans; to chop up clods of earth; to divide perennial clumps.



■ Steel garden rake: For leveling seed beds; for clearing surfaces of clods and debris; to form raised beds; to smooth garden pathways; to refresh bark mulch on boulevard bank.



Low voltage outdoor lights, such as the one above, is available in a wide variety of styles to suit any taste. They are ideal for gardens, paths and walks.

Keep floors spring-clean

Most people begin their spring cleaning when the weather turns warm.

However, some things need attention year-round. Here are some tips to keep floors spring-clean 2365 days a year.

While wood and vinyl flooring are different surfaces, they do have something in common. Both have finishes that protect what's underneath while adding a shine. While this shield is strong and resistant to many things, it is not indestructible.

For both wood and no-wax floors, the greatest enemies are abrasive cleaners and grit tracked onto the floor from shoes. Grinding in over time, they dull the finish.

For those larger jobs, first sweep or vacuum the floor to remove surface dirt. Then mop with the mild soap, diluting it first with fresh warm water.

Before starting, make sure to soak the mop for a minute, and

then wring out excess water. Run the damp mop over the floor with slight pressure.

Make the floor is especially dirty, make a fresh bucket of cleaning solution when the water gets murky. No rinsing is necessary.

More frequent cleaning with a mild cleaner is better for the floors than occasional cleaning with a stronger cleaner.

Soap-based, non-abrasive cleaners are ideal for surfaces which require special care, like wood.

In addition, these cleaners keep no-wax floors fresher looking because they clean away dirt and grime, letting the original finish shine through.

Remember, exposure to the combination of heat and light for long periods of time causes floors to fade or discolor.

If, despite your best efforts, the shine or color of your no-wax vinyl floor does fade, you may want to occasionally use a power buffer.

Test your garage door opener

Garage door system safety is no accident, experts say - it should be an automatic decision on the part of every homeowner, especially those with children. A garage door is the largest moving object in the home. Improperly adjusted, it can exert deadly force when it closes.

Fortunately, there are steps you can take to prevent a garage door system accident from happening, say the experts, at the Stanley Door Systems, which makes quality garage door openers and garage door systems.

Parents are advised to teach their children about the dangers of playing under garage doors and to keep all controls out of their reach.

Other tips:

□ Test your garage door opener's reversing feature monthly. With the door open, place a one-inch thick piece of wood, laid flat, on the floor in the door's path at approximately the center of the door. The door opener must reverse readily and open the door when it strikes the wood. If not, the door should be repaired or replaced.

□ Test the force setting by holding up the bottoms of the door as it closes. If the door does not reverse, the force is excessive and needs adjusting. A qualified technician should be called to adjust, repair and replace any garage door parts.

□ Periodically test the balance of your door. Start with the door. Start with the door closed. Disconnect the garage door opener release mechanism so you can operate the door by hand. You should be able to lift the door smoothly and with little resistance. This should stay open around three to four feet above the floor. If it does not, it is out of balance. Have it adjusted by a professional.

□ Look at the garage door springs, cables, rollers, pulleys and other door hardware for signs of wear each month. Rollers and hinges of a garage door require periodic lubrication. Use a spray silicone or lightweight household oil according to the instructions in your owner's manual.

Time to cut down unwanted grasses

It's time to cut down liriope and ornamental grasses.

Often rabbits have chewed liriope into shreds by now or winter weather has left it tattered.

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Liriope is tough as leather to cut with hand clippers. The best way is to set your lawn mower high and move over it, picking up the clippings.

As for ornamental grasses, some gardeners leave it standing, to wave in winter breezes. Now is the time to cut it to ground level with hand clippers.

If you grow pampas grass, it's also time to tackle it with a chain saw or similar tool.

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The free lecture will be at 1:30 p.m. in the Chrysler Museum auditorium.

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signed will petition the Council for the appointment of Viewers to view the below-described portion of a certain street and to report to the City Council whether in the opinion of the Viewers, what, if any, inconvenience would result from the vacating, closing and discontinuance of same, the said portion of said street being described as follows:

PORTION OF DAM NECK ROAD

Beginning from a point located at the northwest corner of Parcel B2 as shown on the plat entitled "Subdivision of Parcel B, Commercial Area at LAKE PLACID, Princess Anne Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia," recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia in Map Book 141, at Page 14A, thence southeasterly along the southern right-of-way of Dam Neck Road along a curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 5829.58 feet for an arc length of 7.91 feet to a point of tangency; thence South 66° 33' 18" East, 50.00 feet to a point; thence along a curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 5841.58 feet for an arc length of 136.67 feet to a point of tangency; thence along a curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 195.00 feet for an arc length of 110.38 feet to the point of intersection with the western right-of-way line of London Bridge Road; thence departing from the southern right-of-way of Dam Neck Road and following the western right-of-way line of London Bridge Road North 36° 30' 22" West, 213.17 feet to a point on the northern boundary of the 20th Hampton Roads Sanitation District ("H.R.S.D.") Easement; thence northwesterly along the northern boundary line of the H.R.S.D. Easement along a curve to the left, said curve having a radius of 5719.58 feet for an arc length of 164.46 feet to a point of tangency; thence departing from the boundary line of the H.R.S.D. Easement South 9° 52' 27" West 110.00 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel containing 27,799 square feet.

At that time, anyone affected may appear and be heard.

After the report of the Viewers is received, at the next regular meeting of the City Council, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be placed on the agenda, the under-signed will petition the City Council to vacate, close and discontinue the portions of that street in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, described above.

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Public Notice

Virginia:

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, April 12, 1994 at 2:00 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION: LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH

1.

An Ordinance upon Application of The Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge Number 8 for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-5D Residential Duplex District to B-1A Limited Community Business District on the south side of S. Birdneck Road, east of General Booth Boulevard. The proposed zoning classification change to B-1A is for limited commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban high density residential at densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 961 S. Birdneck Road and contains 1,918 acres. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT: PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH

2.

An Ordinance upon Application of E.B. Sessions, Jr., for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle rentals at the northeast corner of Holland Road and Shippy's Corner Road. Said parcel is located at 3200 Holland Road and contains 30,221 square feet. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

VIRGINIA BEACH BOROUGH

3.

An Ordinance upon Application of Avamer, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a commercial parking lot (temporary) on Lots 3 & 4, Block 65, Virginia Beach Development Corp. Said parcels are

located at 2602-2604 Oceanfront Avenue and contains 18,703.8 square feet. VIRGINIA BEACH BOROUGH.

4.

An Ordinance upon Application of Most Reverend Walter F. Sullivan for a Conditional Use Permit for a church (addition) on the following parcels:

Parcel 1: Located at the southwest corner of Pacific Avenue and 15th Street.

Parcel 2: Located at the southwest intersection of Arctic Circle and Arctic Crescent.

Parcel 3: Located at the southern extremity of Arctic Crescent. Said parcels are located at 1404 Pacific Avenue and contain 1.8 acres. VIRGINIA BEACH BOROUGH.

NONCONFORMING USE: LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH

5.

Application of Coley R. Brickhouse for the enlargement of a nonconforming use on part of Lots 54, 55 & 56 and all of Lots 57 & 58, Parcel X & Y, Oceans Gardens. Said parcel is located at 100 Sykes Avenue and contains 23.5 acres. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AAE City Clerk

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Public Notice

The Virginia Beach Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on April 13, 1994 at 12:00 Noon in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Princess Anne Courthouse, Virginia Beach, Virginia. A briefing session will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall Building. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION IS NOT A FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION, BUT ONLY A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE VIEWPOINT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION IS TO BE MADE BY CITY COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE, AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE IN A NEWSPAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE CITY.

THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE CERTAIN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE HEARD OUT OF ORDER AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED THAT THE ORDER LISTED BELOW WILL BE EXACTLY FOLLOWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

The staff reviews of some or all of the items on this agenda suggest that certain conditions be attached to approval by City Council. However, it should not be assumed that those conditions constitute all the conditions that will ultimately be attached to the project. Staff agencies may impose further conditions and requirements during administration of applicable city ordinances.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:

1.

Appeal from Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Jesse Swoope. Property is located 1000 feet west of the intersection of Bradpointe Lane and Beaufort Avenue. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

2.

Appeal from Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Bala-Si, a Virginia General Partnership. Property is located at 5820 Ward Court. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

3.

Appeal from Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for John A. Colaprete. Property is located at 118 Pinewood Road. VIRGINIA BEACH BOROUGH.

4.

Appeal from Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Mrs. Opal Lee Mills. Property is located at 1530 Horseshoe Drive. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

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Appeal from Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Mr. and Mrs. Michael D. Marquart. Property is located at 1356 Five Point Road. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

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Motion of the City of Virginia Beach to amend and reordain Section 1521 of the City Zoning Ordinance by allowing additions to nonconforming single family, duplex, semi-attached and attached dwellings in the RT-3 Resort Tourist District and by adding "cellular telephone antenna" to the "Television or other broadcasting station and line-of-sight relay devices" category as conditional uses in the RT-3 Resort Tourist district.

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Motion of the City of Virginia Beach to amend and reordain Section 211 of the City Zoning Ordinance pertaining to signs for churches and public and private schools.

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Motion of the City of Virginia Beach to amend and reordain Section 235 of the City Zoning Ordinance pertaining to parking requirements for convalescent and handicapped persons.

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21.

Motion of the City of Virginia Beach to amend and reordain Appendix E, Sections 1.2 and 1.4 of the Tree Planting, Preservation and Replacement Ordinance pertaining to residential and street trees and to bonding requirements.

34.

Motion of the City of Virginia Beach to amend and reordain Appendix E, Sections 106, 108, 110, 113 and 114 of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Ordinance of the City of Virginia Beach.

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36.

An Ordinance upon Application of Jack Rabbit/Holland Road for an amendment to the Timberlake Land Use Plan to allow for the extension of an existing mini-store facility. Said property is located at 4193 Holland Road and contains 1.08 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

10.

An Ordinance upon Application of Jack Rabbit/Holland Road for an amendment to the Timberlake Land Use Plan to allow for the extension of an existing mini-store facility. Said property is located at 4193 Holland Road and contains 1.08 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

11.

An Ordinance upon Application of Quick 10 Corporation for a Conditional Use Permit for an automobile service station on certain property located on the north side of Wesleyan Drive, 800 feet more or less east of Diamond Springs Road. Said parcel contains 31,538 square feet. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

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An Ordinance upon Application of Sentara Bayside Hospital for a Conditional Use Permit for a hospital (addition) on the east side of Independence Boulevard, north of N. Witchduck Road. Said parcel is located at 800 Independence Boulevard and contains 14,442 acres. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

14.

An Ordinance upon Application of Cemetery Consultants, Inc. for a Conditional Use Permit for a cemetery, mausoleums, columbariums, chapel, administrative offices, equipment maintenance and storage on the north side of N. Witchduck Road, west of Aragona Boulevard. Said parcel is located at 631 N. Witchduck Road and contains 55 acres. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

15.

An Ordinance upon Application of Gayle & Jacqueline Rountree, T/A Holly Ridge Manor Farm for a Conditional Use Permit for a cemetery, mausoleums, columbariums, chapel, administrative offices, equipment maintenance and storage on the north side of N. Witchduck Road, west of Aragona Boulevard. Said parcel is located at 2997 Princess Anne Road. Said parcel is located at 2997 Princess Anne Road and contains 26,136 square feet. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

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26.

Motion of the City of Virginia Beach to amend and reordain Section 1005 of the City Zoning Ordinance pertaining to signs in the I-1 and I-2 Industrial Districts.

28.

Motion of the City of Virginia Beach to amend and reordain Section 1401 of the City Zoning Ordinance to correct a typographical error in the definition of vegetated wetlands.

29.

Motion of the City of Virginia Beach to amend and reordain Section 1511 of the City Zoning Ordinance by adding "cellular telephone antenna" to the "Radio and television broadcasting stations and line-of-sight relay devices" category as conditional uses in the I-1 and I-2 Office Districts.

30.

Motion of the City of Virginia Beach to amend and reordain Section 201 of the City Zoning Ordinance pertaining to yard requirements for jacuzzis, hot tubs

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Section 1521 of the City Zoning

Ordinance by allowing additions to

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Motion of the City of Virginia Beach to amend and reordain Section 6.3 of the Subdivision Ordinance by establishing dimensional requirements for additions to single family, duplex, semi-attached and attached dwellings in the RT-3 Res-

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An Ordinance upon Application of Douglas B. Munden for a Conditional Use Permit for 32 single family dwellings on certain property located at the northeast intersection of Muddy Creek Road and Drun Point Road. Said parcel contains 86.1 acres. LYNNGO BOROUGH.

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An Ordinance upon Application of Creeds Associates & M.M. Rollins, Jr., for a Conditional Use Permit for 32 single family dwellings on certain property located at the northeast intersection of Muddy Creek Road and Drun Point Road. Said parcel contains 86.1 acres. LYNNGO BOROUGH.

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Public Notice

Virginia: In the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach
RE: ESTATE OF HAROLD H. HALL, DECEASED
CH94-833

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AGAINST DISTRIBUTION

It is ordered that the creditors of, and all others interested in, the above estate show cause, if they can, on April 15th, 1994, at 9:30 A.M., before this Court at its courtroom, against the payment and delivery of the estate to the legatees, without refunding bonds.

It appearing to the Court that the report of the account of Sovran Bank, N.A., Gregory Malcolm Hall and Martha Hall O'Donnell the Administrators C.T.A., of the estate, and of the debts and demands against the estate, has been filed in the Clerk's Office and that six months have elapsed since the qualification upon motion of the Administrators C.T.A., it is ORDERED that the first paragraph of this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in The Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper published in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia.

ENTER: 3/16/94

c/o P.L. Russo, Judge

Certified to be a TRUE COPY of record in my custody.

J. Curtis Fruitt, Clerk

Circuit Court, Virginia Beach, Va.

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I ask for this:

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Richmond, Virginia 23219

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Virginia: In the Virginia Beach Circuit Court Clerk's Office
IN RE: Robert James Bailey, Plaintiff v.

Sharon Salley Bailey, Defendants
Case No. CH-94-692

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is for a divorce of a putative matrimonial based on a one year separation.

It is ORDERED that Sharon Salley Bailey appear and protect her interest, on or before May 9, 1994, which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication.

And it is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in The Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this court.

DATE: March 16, 1994

J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK
By Anne Dwdwader, Deputy Clerk12-3
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Photo by Victoria Edwards

Hampton Roads' largest ice cream sundae would not have been possible without the help of some real go-getters. They included, from left, Harry Tully of Uncle Harry's Cones and Cream, the original "Uncle Harry" Harry Wilson, Deborah Barwick of the National Kidney Foundation of Virginia-Hampton Roads Office, dialysis patient Nerissa Cowell and Cal Lasseter of Pets Warehouse.

Ice cream sundae helps Kidney Foundation here

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lovers could consume as much of the tasty fare as they wanted. Overall \$1,600 was raised.

Many people who have benefited from the foundation's services turned out Saturday to lend a hand to the cause.

One of them was Nerissa Cowell, a 19-year-old freshman at Virginia Wesleyan College. Cowell is a dialysis patient and has had two kidney transplants.

Unfortunately, the transplants "did not take" and Cowell is trying to decide whether she wants to go on the transplant waiting list again.

But that didn't sway her devotion to the NKF-VA.

Taking money and distributing ice cream cups, she said, "I think this is a great idea and a wonderful way to get people to notice the kidney foundation."

Cowell just had one lament.

"I wish I could eat some, but my phosphorus level is up so high I can't. Ice cream is loaded

with phosphorus."

Hampton Roads' largest ice cream sundae was made possible through the support of Pets Warehouse, Uncle Harry's Cones and Cream, Z-104 and Innovative Spas.

"You need the support of the business community to pull a thing like this off and the public's support to make it successful," Burks stressed.

Funds raised will go toward research, public education, professional education, patient services and organ procurement for those on transplant waiting lists.

The NKF-VA-Hampton Roads Office holds a free support group for dialysis patients the second Thursday of every month. The group meets at 6330 Newtown Rd., Suite 525, in Virginia Beach. Meeting time is 6:30 p.m.

For more information on the National Kidney Foundation, contact the local office at 466-0783.



Courtesy Photo

This is the Monster Fire Truck, as it looked before being disassembled. Virginia Beach Vo-Tech Center students are reconditioning the vehicle, which will be used to teach fire safety and prevention.

Monster Fire Truck is almost ready to roar

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"Maybe we'll have an exhaust pipe to stick way up and blow fire, something to get the attention. Every monster truck show you go to is 75 percent children, so we feel we'll capture the right audience," Moss said.

There is a reason for appealing to the children, he continued.

"We've seen by statistics that about 25 percent of the deaths by fire nationally each year are to kids 9 years old and under. Once we've gotten their attention, we've got a rolling safety display to go with it."

The Monster Fire Truck will be exhibited in cooperation with KIDZSHOW (Kids Safety House on Wheels) to be premiered soon.

Moss is shooting for Red Ribbon Week, a drug awareness project, at Mount Trashmore in October to introduce the truck.

In the meantime, he is seeking help from the public to complete the project.

"This thing is being funded totally through private sector funds. No city money or tax payer dollars are going into this," Moss said. "But being that this is a non-profit, we sure could use some help."

Sponsors who have already committed to the Monster Fire Truck include the Oceanfront Jaycees and Virginia Power, as well as the Virginia Beach Fire Department.

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And Moss can hardly wait for the day the Monster Fire Truck takes its first spin.

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American trip is an enriching experience

Russian teacher visits Kings Grant Elementary School

By SASHA TOMEY

Sun Correspondent

Elina Sedyh has flipped burgers at McDonald's, taken a tour of the aircraft carrier *Eisenhower* and taught children at Kings Grant Elementary School all in one week. Sedyh, whose home is Nitchny Tagil in the Ural Mountain region of Russia, is visiting Kings Grant Elementary School as a participant in the Hands Across the Water program sponsored by the Education Resource Information Center of New Jersey.

When Kings Grant art teacher Rebecca Nabors visited Russia, Sedyh played host.

Now it is Nabors' turn to return the favor.

"I have had many surprises," Sedyh said. "We studied everything (about the United States) at my university."

The university offers a course simply titled "United States." In spite of her command of English and her basic knowledge of American geography and customs, "The captain from the *Eisenhower* came to show me the ship," she said. "When I return to Russia I will lecture about the United States with my pictures and photos."

Sedyh also expressed delight at receiving a certificate from McDonald's saying that she has passed their burger making course.

Recent changes in her country have given Sedyh a great deal to think about. "I feel more free now. I can do what I want," she said.

"But as far as other people, especially

"In our flag we have red, which means love and kindness; blue, which stands for generosity; and white, which stands for bravery. The word red in Russian means beautiful. After the revolution 1917, the meaning of red was changed and it meant blood. We desire peace."

Sedyh's plans during her stay in Virginia Beach include making a trip to a book store, where she has vowed to purchase books written by the American writers she enjoys reading.

Among her favorite writers are Robert Frost, Emily Dickinson, e.e. cummings and Edgar Allan Poe. Favorite Russian authors include Anton Chekov and Leo Tolstoy.

It's a long way from Virginia Beach to a town of about one-half-million residents, where Sedyh teaches English.

Sedyh showed her adopted second grade class a "samovar," a picture made from wheat straw, Russian money, pictures, a decorated egg and a hand-painted metal tray that was made in her city.

Also displayed were religious icons, which were forbidden under previous governments, and decorative tableware.

She offered students compote, a mixture of fruit and sugar. She also gave each child a slip of paper with their name inscribed in Russian on it.

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Photo by Sasha Tomey

Elina Sedyh showed the King's Grant Elementary School students a "samovar," a picture made from wheat straw, Russian money, a decorated egg and a hand-painted metal tray from Russia, during a recent show-and-tell session.

teaches English, the basics of translating, writing, reading and phonetics.

"I dreamed I went to Disney World," she laughed. "But Busch Gardens is going to open for me. Rebecca asked them, and they are going to open by appointment."

Sedyh will be fulfilling a dream

— to ride a roller coaster.

cially for pensioners, it is very hard to see that they cannot afford much food because they have such a small pension. The wealth of the country is not only when one person has the money, but when everybody has afford what they need."

Nitchny Tagil is an industrial city producing metal, which is made into everything from tanks to washing machines.

Sedyh also has access to some American television. "We get MTV Europe and CNN," she stated.

But Nabors was not all pleased with the sex-and-violence-filled American movies playing on Russian television.

"They get the worst of modern television," Nabors said. "It's

shameful."

"Some of the common folks have followed American television," Sedyh said sadly.

Nabors and Sedyh agreed that crime is escalating in the city, and many residents feel that it is a direct result of seeing such violence, portrayed in the movies.

"I liked Gone With The Wind," Sedyh related, "and Marilyn Monroe movies."

She has also developed a fondness for the music from "Twin Peaks."

For now Sedyh reads, writes poetry (which she insists is just for herself), listens to music or goes to the cinema.

She likes to sing and especially enjoys traveling. She is very excited about an upcoming trip to Washington, D.C., where she will tour the nation's capital and join the other 12 members of her delegation.

Asked if there is something Sedyh wishes Americans knew about her country, she bowed her head, closed her eyes and slowly began to speak.

"Russia is a very peaceful nation," she said.

Poetry expresses her emotions

"Would you like to see my poetry?" Elina Sedyh asked.

She opened a small book illustrated with pictures she has collected and pasted in it. The book is titled "Some Dreams in English."

"I have just begun writing poetry in English," she confessed. "I wrote this one about this trip."

Would she mind sharing her poetry with readers of The Virginia Beach Sun?

Sedyh smiled.

"Oh, that, I would like. I would very much like that." Her poem reads:

*A sleeping child
In a green quiet wood
Among the grass and flowers..*

*A sleeping child —
A growing rest*

Dome will be demolished

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ity until the Pavilion was constructed.

One option had been to relocate the Dome, but this would cost the city \$1,136,000, exclusive of site development, interior construction finishes and foundations, not to mention maintenance and operating expenses.

Councilmember Robert K. Dean asked about one suggested use — moving half of the dome by helicopter and using it as a band shell at Mount Trashmore.

Councilmember James W. Bratton Jr. said that because of the building's engineering, once the structure is taken apart, the pressure is gone and the building will not hold together.

Grochmal said that it would take six months to take the Dome down, but City Traffic Engineer John Herze said, however, that the demolition would not interfere with present parking at the site.

Grochmal said that it would take an open forum Tuesday from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Central Library of Virginia Beach.

"Mediate, Don't Litigate," the title of the forum, will feature eight experts who will share their thoughts on mediation's role in resolving conflict.

Mediation is a process which brings disputing parties together to resolve a conflict.

For more information, call The Mediation Center of Hampton Roads at 625-2161.

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Volunteers from the Navy and Virginia Beach Fire Department helped build the 60-seat amphitheater at Windsor Oaks Elementary School.

Community teamwork builds amphitheater

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together, the project was completed just in time for the city's Arbor Day celebration April 8.

But the amphitheater isn't the only aspect of the project.

The construction of the amphitheater is just part of H.E.L.P. The program offers a complete curriculum in which students learn the importance of the environment, its influences on us and vice versa.

The amphitheater will be a great place for Windsor Oaks students to receive hands-on ecology lessons. I'm happy to be a part of this pilot project and hope to see other schools participate in the future," said Bruce Forester of the Virginia Beach Fire Department.

Forester coordinated the fire department's efforts for the project, and he has two children attending the school.

Principal John Mirra echoed

Forester's enthusiasm for the program.

"The construction project has brought our students, their families, our staff members and our community partners together to accomplish something that will have an immediate impact on student learning."

"Our leaders are also planning lessons to be taught in the outdoor classroom, and students are eager to conduct studies of the environment in their own environment," he stated.

Spicer said the Department of Forestry plans to conduct classes at the site and that there are still one or two more phases to go before H.E.L.P. will truly complete.

"The is basically just the first phase. What's in the planning stages now are possibly replicating different types of eco-systems, perhaps a mulch trail or stations where kids can be asked, 'What do you see?' Everything is entwined in an eco-system," he explained.

Twenty-two trees were planted Saturday, and nine more remain to be planted. White dogwood, green ash, river birch, dawn redwood, wax myrtle and flowering crabapple complement the amphitheater's setting.

H.E.L.P. sponsors include Virginia Beach Fire Department, Ad Techniques, the Virginia Beach Police Department, Virginia Beach City Landscape Services, the Virginia Beach Public Schools Office of Facilities Planning and Construction, and Pleasant Ridge Farms.

If you would like to donate funds or supplies for the project, contact Forester at 554-9421 (digital pager).